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In Business Update

Sellout crowd awaits Barry champ Lee at the O2 Arena this Saturday

Champ Lee Selby will be hoping for more success in his big London bout on Saturday.

LEE SELBY takes on his next opponent in front of a huge sell-out crowd this Saturday, at the 02 Arena in London.

Barry's popular IBF World Featherweight champion is battling Spaniard Andoni Gago on the undercard of the David Haye vs Tony Bellew clash, but local fans will be looking further down the card, as Selby prepares to take on a formidable challenge.

Gago has won 16 of his 20 fights thus far, and will no doubt provide a strong test for Selby, whose title isn't this time on the line.

Having suffered the disappointment of seeing his dream fight in Las Vegas, against Jonathan Barros, cancelled at the last-minute after Barros failed to meet medical requirements (a cancellation that left Selby 'devastated') he will no doubt be looking forward to climbing through the ropes for his fifth fight at the 02 Arena, aiming to make up for lost time.

The bout will comprise 10 three-minute rounds, with the odds on a Selby win – as much as 100-1 on with some bookmakers.

Action from the 02 Arena begins at 6pm this Saturday, March 4.

All dressed up for Saint David's Day!

CHILDREN at Cylch Meithrin Dechrau Dysgu and Gibbonsdown Children's Centre were busy yesterday, excitedly preparing for St David's Day.

They had made flags, daffodils and dragons and were dressing up to celebrate this special day in Wales. Centre manager Gill Munro said: "We think it's really important to celebrate St David's Day and our 'Welshness'. The children love dressing up and even the staff do! They especially look forward to making, and eating, Welsh cakes."

"Dechrau Dysgu relocated to Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant in September, which has proved very successful. Some of the children go to the Cylch in the morning and then on to school in the afternoon, which helps the parents who are working."

Gill added: "We miss the Cylch at the Children's Centre, but there's still nursery, and plenty going on here to keep us busy."

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WAITING ON A DREAM...

THE dream of using the Mole at Barry Docks for the pleasures of sailing and learning, is one of the more brilliant ideas to have come to the surface for a long time.

If by chance it could also be used to train younger people how to use the forgotten area which is underwater, that would also be of great interest to some.

What I do find more than frustrating is that yet again, we are talking years to finish such a brilliant project – 27 groups with 1,700 children use it now –.I would have to guess that other than football, it must be the most used venue in Barry.

Using that assumption, why has it taken four years to get to this stage, and now being told it could take quite a few more years to come to the end result? I have 10 grandchildren living in the area, one who loves to be under more than above!

Why does it take years to get something good started and then finished? Looking at Barry's track record, we will still be talking about this in 10 years' time.

I am over the moon that some parks are having a great make-over. Now I think there should be a great push from all in Barry and those outside, to get this finished within two years.

I would like to see at least one project finished inside the usual 10-year talking time. We all await the outcome.

Robert Darer, Barry.

'Economics and truth'

NOBODY in their right mind believes that civilisation could, or should, be built upon dishonest science or mendacious mathematics.

Truth must be the bedrock of any human society which can survive into the future.

But economists who come out of our universities all know that in our global economic system, eight people possess as much of the planet's resources, as 50 per cent of the world's poorest inhabitants – 3.5 billion people.

No-one can pretend that this is an efficient system. However, these educated graduates are determined never to mention the truth when they lecture us, lest the more intelligent citizens might begin to take a thoughtful and critical interest in the whole rotten and inefficient structure.

But it shows how unjustly market forces are employed to make the rest of us accomplices to, and victims of, a corrupt economic system.

Our form of distorted civilisation is based upon a dishonest economy, a dishonest media, and dishonest advertising.

It is a wonder that we have any honest children growing up, after they have struggled through years of those ambushes of wilful lies.

Why not insist on truth?

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'Smaller Vale villages have been urbanised'

COUN Moore's self-appraisal of the successes achieved by his Labour-led Vale Council (The GEM, last week) reads like an application to re-apply for his financially rewarding job.

As with all such self-appraisals, it failed to address issues that have caused irritation, annoyance and frustration during his tenure as our council leader, among which are above-inflation council tax increases over the past four years, the unjustified spend of £250K on the council chamber, a downgrading of services in certain areas and, of course, the ridiculous housing policy with regard to new builds.

It is well documented that the decision to target the building of circa 10,000 new homes was in excess of the requirement of the Wales Government, and also at variance with the numbers estimated by reports produced by the council itself.

What followed, as readers of The GEM will be fully aware, was an attack on the green areas of the Vale generally and the rural areas in particular, with planning applications being approved on a large scale on sites where applications for smaller scale developments had been refused. The result is that smaller villages have been 'urbanised' by unsympathetic developments.

The common thread with all these applications is that they were approved despite wholesale objections from local communities, who in many instances, went to the financial expense of engaging external experts to highlight the dangers of such developments.

However, expert opinions were over-ruled – because the planners knew best, a preposterous claim by a relatively inexperienced planning team. What is of equal concern is that members of the planning committee also showed no regard to the overall damage that these developments would have on the surrounding areas.

At the same time, the council has been silent as to why the numerous brownfield sites around the Vale which are an eyesore, of which the prime example is the one at Llandow, are being ignored for development.

Am I being too cynical to suggest that the relatively low financial value of section 106 agreements that seem part and parcel of planning permission mean that our council have no interest in seeing such sites developed?

The legacy of this council can be seen in the urban and unsympathetic developments that have blighted so many of our Vale villages.

However, it has to be said that the failure by the previous Conservative administration to ensure that an LDP was in place prior to the last local elections created an opportunity for developers whose only motive is profit – which they have exploited to the full and, it would appear, supported by the current administration.

It is clear that an important issue like housing policy is not safe in the hands of 'here today often gone tomorrow' politicians whose short-term approach risks errors being made that future generations have to live with.

Perhaps Coun Moore might include this additional information in future self appraisals.

Gareth Jones.

Council's legacy

WE read with interest last week, Coun Neil Moore's column, which outlined the 'legacy' of his Labour-run Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Unsurprisingly, not one of his listed 'achievements' involved delivering for the residents and communities of Sully, Cosmeston, Lavernock and Swanbridge.

However, what they have delivered is a whopping 20 per cent increase in our council tax since 2012 and, while appreciating the challenging economic climate we find ourselves in, local residents will rightly question what they have got for their money in return.

Time and time again, our community has been ignored and little has been done over the last five years to improve the local area.

When you reflect on that period, sadly the travellers remain in situ at Hayes Road, despite the warm words and broken promises, our public services are stretched beyond recognition, and our transport and infrastructure is in a state of complete disrepair.

So while Coun Moore might be happy with his achievements for other areas in the Vale, residents in our community will not appreciate the past five years where we've been treated as an afterthought.

Chris Thorne and Rod Thomas,
(Sully, Cosmeston, Lavernock and Swanbridge Conservatives).

Thank you to helpful heroes!

A HUGE "thank you" to the three great guys who came to my aid yesterday afternoon, by changing a wheel on my vehicle in Waitrose car park!

I interrupted them when they were having a quiet coffee in a nearby cafe, and without any hesitation, they came to the rescue, despite the rain and no doubt having other more pressing things to do.

I sincerely hope that they, or someone who knows them, will read this and know how grateful I am. It shows how helpful and generous people can be!

Cathy Crompton, Flemingston.

Look behind the statistics!

RECENT news reports state the Vale of Glamorgan has the fifth highest number of low environmental scores in the UK.

That is, a large number of catering establishments in the Vale are ranked fifth from the bottom for poor performance, out of all areas in the UK.

This statistic, although true, is misleading – as it misrepresents the true status of many establishments – because the survey provides no linked comparison or benchmark for the performance and the monitoring of the inspectors.

It's important the public are aware there is another contributing factor to the statistic. I am involved in the training and operation of establishments throughout Great Britain. I find the Vale of Glamorgan inspectors often express new critiques that are perplexing and differ from the methodology of their colleagues.

They seem to operate in an independent, and sometimes draconian manner, that is unfortunate when compared to the commencement of the scheme which was of good programme-building with cooperation and discussion.

We found this permitted a valuable topic that could be further discussed with customers, but now the assessments are so difficult to comprehend and predict.

Surely, the answer has to be for improvement that a senior Vale of Glamorgan Council officer consults with other local government authorities to determine best practice?

John Campbell, St Nicholas.
(Baxterstorey)

MP'S CALL ON MARATHON RUN

IN a number of weeks, I hope to complete the London Marathon to support local mental health sufferers and pensioners across Barry and the Vale.

My charities this year are Heads Together and the Vale branch of Age Connects, which includes the Senior Health Shop and Friends and Neighbours group.

The Senior Health Shop on Barry's Holton Road plays a significant part in keeping older people independent. It is not only a place to socialise, make new friends and have a cuppa but is also a one-stop-centre for information with volunteers and staff on hand to answer any queries.

Activities such as exercise classes, computer training, stitching and knitting sessions, health checks, quizzes and afternoon teas all take place regularly.

The popular Friends and Neighbours social group is invaluable to groups at risk of isolation and loneliness. The group offers trips, local lunches, as well as monthly meetings at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall in Barry.

Heads Together is a group of mental health charities aimed at removing the stigma surrounding mental health. I am concerned that mental health cases are increasing locally and nationally, and the charities raise awareness and provide vital help for people with mental health challenges.

Led by The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry, Heads Together is working to help people find the mental health support they need, when they need it. Heads Together will support development of innovative projects to bring together the exceptional skills and expertise of our partner charities and others, to get more help to more people.

I appreciate many calls are made in favour of needy causes and hope you are able to extend your generosity to help these charities. Knowing that funds depend on me completing the 26.2 mile course has a major influence on my motivation and morale along the highs and lows of the route.

My Virgin Money Giving page is: *uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AlunCairns*.

Many thanks in advance for your support and donation to two fantastic and charities in the Vale of Glamorgan.

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A tribute to Windsor Lewis

...A man of many interests

by PHIL JONES of Barry Chess Club

WINDSOR LEWIS.

IT is a sad fact, that although you may be acquainted with someone for a number of years, it is only when you hear their eulogy that you find out so much about their past.

So it was recently with Windsor Lewis when we learnt about his passion for his family, for flying, gliding, and his love of all animals, especially birds. (We heard how he held his children by their legs over cliffs, in order to be able to see a particular nest!)

Windsor travelled over Wales, England, and Scotland to pursue his work in the nuclear research industry. He was born in Barry and returned to the town after his retirement in 1988. It was at this time that he joined Barry Chess Club. During his many years of playing chess, he took on a number of roles within the club and was instrumental in naming both our Bosons and Quarks teams.

He was a good player with a sound knowledge of openings, and in recent years his careful approach meant that opponents rarely beat him – though the same cannot be said of the clock!

His most recent achievement was described by Lee Davis as *"Windsor Lewis claimed third place in the competition after a careful and efficient victory over Pagona Mavroyenneas.*

"Hearty congratulations go to Windsor, who was seeded 15th out of 20 competitors and is the club's most senior player.

"He went through the tournament as the only player undefeated.

"This stunning performance meant that Windsor won the Plate competition, ahead of many higher-graded players, who went home empty handed!"

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Summer puts a spring in Gladstone school's step!

CELEBRATIONS are in order, at Gladstone Primary School after one of their pupils won £1,000 worth of books for the school in a national competition.

Summer Dobbinson in year-3 was runner-up in the Moto in the Community Young Writer Competition. Summer's task was to write a story of 200 words or more on the theme of 'Wild Places', judged by Julia Green, an author of over 15 novels for young readers.

Summer's creativity won her a £50 WH Smith voucher as well as the generous supply of books from Oxford University Press, which all the children in Gladstone will enjoy.

Gladstone is the adopted school of Moto Cardiff and they have been very grateful for the support they have received over the years as a result of the partnership between the school and Moto.

"We are so proud of Summer for winning this fabulous prize. Thanks to her creative talents, the whole school will benefit," said Paula Graham, language co-ordinator.

Barry schools put on a show

WITH the support of Barry Communities First, pupils from Barry primary and secondary schools recently performed a musical and visual event at Barry Comprehensive School.

It included pupils from Gladstone, Jenner Park, Palmerston and Holton primary schools, alongside pupils from Barry and Bryn Hafren secondary schools.

Prior to the event, pupils took part in a six-week musical tuition course, provided by Upbeat Music and Arts, which included Brazilian Samba and Beat Boxing.

The course aimed to encourage all children from the various schools to work together and ended in the amazing visual and musical performance at Barry Comprehensive School.

The children performed the concert in front of an audience of over 100 parents, staff and the governors of the school.

Holly Morgan, Barry Communities First's transition officer, said: "I would like to thank Upbeat Music and Arts, and all of the schools involved in this project, as well as the young people and families involved."

Deputy Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and cabinet member for regeneration and education, Coun Lis Burnett, added: "It is through projects like this that young people in the Vale are able to feel more confident when making the step up to secondary school.

"Barry Communities First have done a great job in creating an event that is fully inclusive, fun, and beneficial to all of the young pupils involved."

For more information on the transition project, contact Barry Communities First on 01446 709432, or visit www.BarryCommunities First.org. You can also find Barry Communities First on Facebook at BarryCommunitiesFirst.

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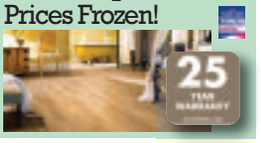

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WIs' Welsh theme

THE second meeting of the year at Cadoxton WI was well attended, although some members were absent due to ill health.

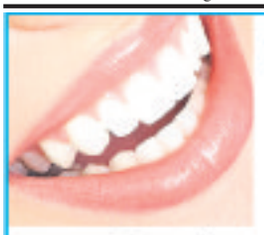
Cadoxton had received two invitations from other Institutes: an afternoon with Highlight WI on Tuesday, March 7 at 2pm – 4pm. This will have a Welsh theme with a buffet and quiz.

The second invitation was from Sully WI: the Link social evening will be held on Wednesday, May 17 at 7pm at the village hall.

The dates for diaries were then discussed with several outings planned, including events organised by GFWI. Line dancing was next on the agenda, and Ruth and Diane put the members through their paces.

A round of applause was given to Ruth and Diane and also to the members who participated. As always, the line dancing session was a success. Raffles were won by Addie Sales and Eileen Bishop. The refreshments served later were most welcome.

Meetings are held every third Monday of the month at 7pm at Victoria Park Community Centre and visitors are always welcome. Contact 01446 404891.



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BIRD WATCH IN VICTORIA PARK

CADOXTON Primary School pupils have been painting bird boxes and placing them in trees around Victoria Park – one of the Vale of Glamorgan's many Green Flag-awarded outdoor areas.

In total, there are eight parks in the county that have been given that honour by Keep Wales Tidy, the mark of a quality green space. The others are Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Romilly Park, Alexandra Park, Barry Island Seafront, Belle Vue Park, Central Park, and Knap Gardens.

The Vale also has eight community sites that have been awarded Green Flag status – Barry Community Garden, Birchgrove Woodlands, Cowbridge Physic Garden, Cwmtalwg Local Nature Reserve, Elizabethan Orchard, Old Hall Gardens, Upper Orchard Field Wenvoe and Wenvoe Community Orchard.

With Cadoxton Primary School next to Victoria Park, pupils benefit from using the area for a number of activities. Their school sports day is held there, while the children build dens around the park and also go on nature walks.

Vale of Glamorgan Council Parks and Open Spaces Officer John Greatrex (foreground) with Coun Gwyn John, Keep Wales Tidy Green Flag Coordinator Lucy Prisk, children and teaching assistants from Cadoxton Primary School.

Their latest project has seen pupils in year-2 and 3 paint a number of nesting boxes for birds. These are then attached to trees around the park, allowing children to monitor how they are used over the coming months.

Cadoxton Primary is an Eco-School, meaning it follows an international programme run in Wales by Keep Wales Tidy and funded by the Welsh Government.

The programme helps pupils learn about sustainable living and global citizenship while giving them the information and support they need to make changes that will benefit their school, local environment and wider community.

These include reducing waste and energy consumption, using environmentally-friendly transport, living healthily and being aware of litter issues.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible, leisure and regulatory services, said: "Here in the Vale of Glamorgan, we have worked hard to create top-quality green areas for people to enjoy and are proud that this effort has resulted in so many spaces around the County being given Green Flag status.

"It's great to see the children of Cadoxton Primary School enjoying Victoria Park. Having such a wonderful space on their doorstep offers a fantastic opportunity to learn about local wildlife.

This bird-nesting project should further fuel that interest, while time in the park can also help make children aware of important environmental issues."

Keep Wales Tidy Green Flag coordinator Lucy Prisk said: "Victoria Park is a wonderful example of a site that has met the high standards needed to achieve the Green Flag Award.

It is well loved by the whole community and it was great to see the students from Cadoxton Primary learning about the importance of the Green Flag Award and all the wildlife living in their local park.

"By helping to paint and put up new nest boxes, the students had the opportunity to enjoy and share the outdoors with the park's smaller residents."

Cancer charity fair raised £517

TIHE Penarth fundraising committee for Cancer Research UK would like to thank everyone who came to the recent spring fair: you helped us raise £517, which will go towards the research into causes and cures for cancer.

The charity recently announced the investment of £70 million in four teams of world leading pioneers over the next five years.

These include imaging and molecular annotation of xenografts and tumours, discovering the causes of cancer through mutations, preventing ductal carcinoma and multiscale molecular imaging. More information can be found on the website.

Our next event will be the annual Big Breakfast and table top sale on Saturday, March 4. This will be in the lesser hall at All Saints' Church, Penarth and the doors open at 9.30am.

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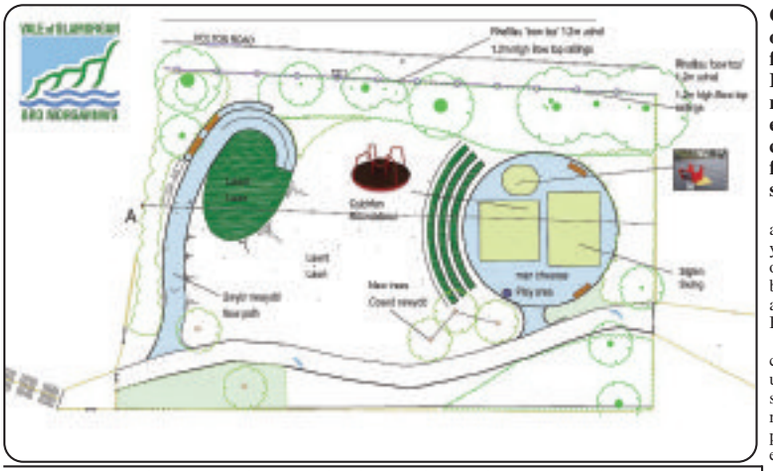
Easter date for play area at Castleland



CONSTRUCTION of a new play area for Castleland in Barry is progressing and is expected to be complete in time for the Easter school holiday.

The Vale Council set aside £60,000 earlier this year for a major upgrade of the park that sits between Holton Road and Hunt Place, near to Barry's town centre.

A community consultation was undertaken in the summer to give local residents a say in the plans and work began earlier this month.

Leader of the council, Coun Neil Moore, accompanied by Deputy Leader Coun Lis Burnett and cabinet member for visible, leisure and regulatory services Coun Gwyn John, visited the site recently to view the final plans for the play area and see the progress made so far.

Coun Moore said: "Over the past year, we have embarked on the next chapter of regeneration for Barry, one that focuses on upgrading the public spaces and play areas that sit at the heart of our communities.

"The play area that was here before was underused, partly because it was hidden from the road. The consultation told us that this was a worry for some parents so as well as upgrading the play equipment and landscaping the park we are also replacing the fencing and cutting back some of the trees so the park can be clearly seen from Holton Road.

"This is just one example of the many projects currently under way that are helping us deliver our goal of building strong communities across the Vale."

The new play area at Hunt Place will feature pathways, swings, a roundabout and a landscaped lawn area.

There are currently eight similar projects underway across Barry and Penarth to improve public spaces and parks.

BLACK ICE CAUSES TRAFFIC CHAOS AROUND THE VALE

THERE was traffic chaos in the Vale on Tuesday morning (February 28) after motorists were caught out by black ice.

Police in the Vale told The GEM: "At least six collisions occurred on sections of the A48, the A4226 Five Mile Lane, and the B4270 in Llandow, with many believed to have been caused by cars hitting black ice.

"In one incident, a motorcyclist was injured after losing control of his bike near the Pentre Meyrick junction of the A48.

"Following the collision, the A48 was closed between Cowbridge and Culverhouse Cross by the Vale Council Highways department, to allow gritting to take place.

"The B4270 Llantwit Major Road was also closed in both directions for a short period to allow for recovery work and removal of debris, following another collision on the Llantwit Major roundabout near Meadow Vale Nursery."

The local policing inspector for Penarth and the Vale of Glamorgan, Gary Smart, speaking on Tuesday, said: "Conditions on many of the roads in the Vale were treacherous this morning.

"Black ice is very difficult to see until it is often too late and we encourage motorists to take extra care, slow down and allow extra time for their journeys."

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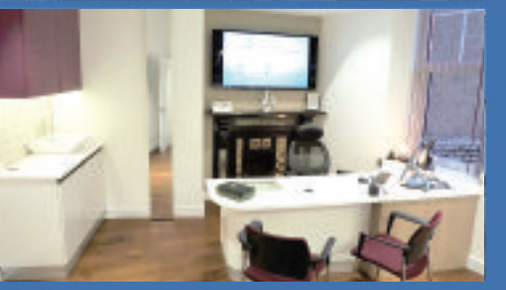

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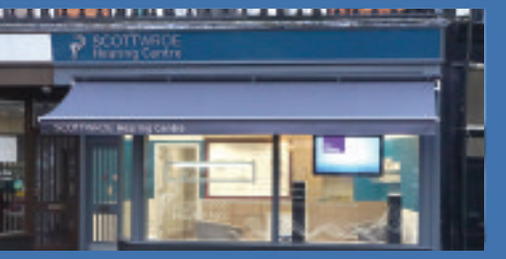

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Cutting Image's style victory!

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Lauren (left) her model Paula (centre) and Sarah, Cutting Image's owner, right.

HAIR stylist Lauren Roma Hanlon, who works at popular Barry salon 'Cutting Image', was entered for the Mark Leeson mentorship programme 2017 by the salon's owner Sarah Harbin.

Lauren took part on Sunday, February 19. There was live judging at the Goldwell Academy, London and she was one of only two salons in the Vale who were placed.

Barry Men's Forum report

THE chairman welcomed all members, and invited members to meet at 7.30am at Romilly Park for a jog before returning to the Trinity Presbyterian church hall, for the normal Thursday meeting of the Barry Men's Forum. The proposal was not unanimously supported!

Undeterred he went on to welcome two members who were going to share the platform. First, well-known pianist Clive Sims who demonstrated his talent with various renderings of well-known songs, before finishing with 'Red Sails in the Sunset'.

This song was used as an introduction to the next speaker Alan Morgan, who had used it as his theme tune when producing his weekly radio show in the forces.

Alan confirmed he was one of only two people working for the Welsh Development Agency, who had been recognised and awarded an hour, his being for his services to Small Businesses.

He showed the film that had been made of his investiture at Buckingham Palace in May 2001.

The Queen holds over 20 investitures every year when approximately 130 people are honoured. The film narrated by Gareth Davies, showed the procedures at the Palace, initated 100 years ago, and with a total of approximately 3,000 awards now presented each year.

Members asked what they talked about, he said it was the loan of the Royal Yacht Britannia to the WDA for successful trade discussions.

The next meeting is today March 2.

New members are very welcome, at £2 per meeting which includes light refreshments, starts at 10.15am and finishes by noon. The Barry Men's Forum meet at the Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, every Thursday morning.

For further information, contact the chairman Mac Tanner on Tel 01446 743455.

PMW

Cancer charity fair raised £517

THE Penarth fundraising committee for Cancer Research UK would like to thank everyone who came to the recent spring fair: you helped us raise £517, which will go towards the research into causes and cures for cancer.

The charity recently announced the investment of £70 million in four teams of world leading pioneers over the next five years. These include imaging and molecular annotation of xenografts and tumours, discovering the causes of cancer through mutations, preventing ductal carcinoma and multiscale molecular imaging. More information can be found on the website.

Our next event will be the annual Big Breakfast and table top sale on Saturday, March 4. This will be in the lesser hall at All Saints' Church, Penarth and the doors open at 9.30am. Please come along and enjoy breakfast with us, and raise money for a good cause.

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NEWS UPDATE FROM BARRY CAMERA CLUB

FEBRUARY began with a talk by club stalwart Dave Green entitled – 'So You Wanna Be A Gig Photographer?'

Dave's first photographic love is events photography, in particular music and musicians and he showed us some of his work involving folk, jazz and pop concerts.

As Dave's interest increased, he was soon turning up at the local pubs and clubs, photographing the acts performing there. Dave gave a very detailed and interesting rundown of the equipment he uses, the techniques he has to employ to get properly exposed images and highlighted the problems he faces in overcoming the difficult surroundings he regularly has to contend with.

On February 10, we visited the Vale Camera Club at Ynysowen for our annual seven-way print battle. Each club entered four colour prints and four monochrome prints. The worthy winners on the night were Merthyr Camera Club, giving all six remaining clubs something to think about for next year!

Unfortunately, this year Barry did not do too well in the photographic stakes but as some consolation, members of the Barry club won both raffle prizes!

Our next talk came from log-serving club member Roy Carr on February 17. Roy has recently gained his AWPF certification having presented a panel of monochrome prints on the theme of 'Near The Water'.

Roy's talk was entitled '40/40 Prints' and was comprised of showing and discussing 40 black and white prints, followed after coffee by 40 colour prints.

Roy took us through his methodical approach to each photographic expedition. His equipment was discussed and Roy emphasised the importance of the tripod in enabling him to get sharp shots at long exposures.

The final meeting of the month was, as always, our monthly competition and the guest judge on this occasion was Robert Mitchell of Swansea University. Best mono print scoring 20 points was judged to be Brian Trego's 'Rising Mist'. Second place, also scoring 20 points, was Glenn Porter's 'Let Me tell You' and third place, once again scoring a full 20 points, was awarded to Mike Lewis with his 'Fishing Huts and Boats'.

It is highly unusual for full marks to be awarded to more than one image, let alone three in the same competition, but the judge felt the standard of the images warranted full points and could only split the placings based on personal choice.

Colour prints were equally tightly marked. Barbara Archdale-Smith was awarded first place with 20 points for 'Fledgling Robin'. Mike Lewis did rather well, gaining second place with 19 points for a nautical study entitled 'Buoy And Chain' and a further 19 points and third place for his 'The Old Kitchen'.

The projected images section did, as always, attract the largest entry and Rob again found it difficult to separate the highest scorers in this section. Mike's earlier print successes were eclipsed by Philippa Evans who gained 20 points and first place for 'Solna Centrum' and a further 20 points and second place for 'In a Flap'; Tina Haydon gained third place and 19 points for 'Missed By All Who Knew Him'. Congratulations, ladies!

Next month's programme includes visits from Steve Littlewood, Gary Shinner and Jan Cawley, a three-way battle with Rhondda and Gwynfa camera clubs; the wildlife group will be having a day out at the dock ponds, and of course March will conclude with our monthly competition.

Throughout the year, we have a full programme of talks, demonstrations, photographic expeditions, competitions and inter-club battles planned. New members are particularly encouragedand will be made most welcome.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry (CF62 6NX). We are a very friendly organisation and new members of all experience and skill levels are always welcome to attend with no obligation to join. Alternatively, for more information visit our website www.barrycameraclub.co.uk, our Facebook page and our Twitter page.

Heidi's fundraising haircut!

HEIDI MORGANS (10), a pupil at Cadoxton Primary School in Barry, will be fundraising, with the help of family and friends, for The Little Princess Trust – by having 20 inches of her long locks cut off!

The event takes place on April 5 at Catwalk Studio, Tynewydd Road, Barry, and she hopes that her hair can be used for a wig to help another child who has lost theirs.

Men's Forum hears tales of National Service

THE chairman of Barry Men's Forum welcomed speaker Mr Haydn Burgess, whose talk was entitled *'Teenage Adventures, 1946 to 1949'*.

Until 1956, all youths in the country had to do compulsory National Service, a minimum of two years in the armed forces, where they were trained for military service.

Even with thousands of soldiers being demobbed after the Second World War, teenagers were required to join one of the services or the Merchant Navy. Haydn recalled how at the age of 18 in 1946 he had been 'called up'.

Being a Cardiff lad, he was first posted to Brecon Lines, in the King's Liverpool Regiment. His early training was in the Royal Signals, where because of the confidentiality involved, he was made an NCO and then Lance Corporal: 1946/47 was the hardest winter in living memory when the snow was over four feet deep, and he recalled how he was on guard at Catterick gatehouse, where he was hardly able to see above the snow.

He was soon to leave the cold of Britain for the heat of Africa. He arrived in Egypt, before travelling south, staying at numerous army posts and finishing almost on the equator at Mogadishu in Somalia. He recounted many episodes of army life, which gave him a love of Africa, and his sincere belief that the continent has a 'great future', so long as the leaders rise to the challenges.

The next meeting is on March 9, when the speaker will be Mr Clive Simms, whose talk is entitled 'The man who barked, and other stories'.

New members are welcome at £2 per meeting, which includes light refreshments, starts at 10.15am and finishes by noon. The Barry Men's Forum meets at the Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall every Thursday morning.

For further information, contact the chairman Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

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Memories of a 1950s childhood

'FIVE boys and a pasty' was the title of an interesting and amusing talk given by John Sheen to Barry and District U3A about his childhood memories of growing up in the 1950s.

The talk gave rise to a great deal of discussion of childhood memories among those present at the February meeting.

The March meeting looks to be equally interesting, as Terry Sylvester will be talking about '*The Waverley* and other paddle steamers'.

A day trip to the Royal Mint is planned for April and, of course, the regular interest groups which include local history, Scrabble, social history and the monthly lunch group.

Barry and District U3A welcomes new members at their monthly meetings in Bethel Baptist Church at 2pm on the first Monday of the month.

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Inspiring people make their mark in the Vale

I AM constantly reminded how fortunate I am to serve the Vale of Glamorgan as your Assembly Member, when I meet inspiring people who are making their mark in their communities – in their work and in their professions.

Recounting just a few of these examples to us all, I will start with the community paramedic I met at Cowbridge ambulance station, Huw Evans, who is working in the new Western Vale community paramedic pilot funded by the Welsh Government's Intermediate Care Fund.

Huw, with his colleague Anita Burch, works alongside GPs in the Western Vale cluster – Eryl surgery in Llantwit Major and the GP surgeries in Cowbridge.

He has a fully equipped rapid response vehicle and GPs can now call the community paramedic to make home visits if they think this would be clinically suitable. I understand this service is already making a difference and helping people who need a swift and professional response to their health needs.

Secondly, I was pleased to join the Deputy Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Lis Burnett, in the launch of the Practical Autism Toolkit Book at Ysgol y Deri.

Inspiring educational professionals described how they have developed this digital toolkit in collaboration with over 700 pupils with autism as well as parents, carers and other key professionals in this field.

The iBook includes photos, audio and video clips helping to show the way developing autism–friendly environments can make a real difference to learning. The Welsh Government supported this project through the Autism Strategy Fund.

The Practical Autism Toolkit iBook can be downloaded from the Ysgol y Deri website www.yyd.org.uk/ for schools, pupils, parents and professionals for young people with autism.

I also want to congratulate the team of volunteers involved in the St Athan community library who are opening up the library for all sorts of new opportunities with the support of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

I met some of the volunteers on a recent visit to wish them well for the future in their newly constituted charity, and it was great to see children and adults using the computers and many library users coming in for books.

During half-term a craft event for children was organised and the WI and St Athan Primary are also very involved in the library.

I know that this sort of community initiative is being supported throughout the Vale with volunteers coming forward to play their part.

So this is good news for the Vale of Glamorgan as people, communities and professionals come forward to make their mark.

Finally, I would like to thank the inspiring Barry Tenovus Choir, who entertained us at the High Street Christmas Market and the Castleland Community Centre concert in September last year.

This week, they were organising a St David's Day concert led by their musical director Jo Fowler, at St Mary's Church from 7pm, supported by Barry Male Voice Choir, local band Mad Tom's Crowd and soloist Kelly Virgill. All in aid of Tenovus.

I hope you have had a Happy St David's Day!

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by VALE AM JANE HUTT
(Leader of the House)

Women's World Day of Prayer

THE theme for this year's service is 'Am I being unfair to you?' and it will be held in St Cadoc's Roman Catholic Church, Townmill Road, Cowbridge on Friday, March 3 at 1.30pm.

"Typhoon Haryan hit the Philippine Islands and the people are still very much in need of our prayers and support," said a spokesperson. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Women's rights champion joins prestigious Welsh list

A VALE woman who campaigned for women's rights in Wales and the United Nations, has been included in the Dictionary of Welsh Biography, the national database that contains more than 5,000 concise biographies of Welsh people who have made a significant contribution to national life, whether in Wales or more widely.

Audrey Jones of Dinas Powys, who died in 2014 aged 84, took part in the 1995 United Nations World Conference for Women in Beijing, attending preparatory meetings in European cities and drafting reports. Beijing proved a watershed in mainstreaming gender equality, establishing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

A founder member of Wales Assembly of Women (WAW), she regularly represented WAW at annual New York sessions to review progress on Beijing until a couple of years before her death, including the major conferences Beijing+5 (2000) and Beijing+10 (2005). WAW became accredited to the UN Economic and Social Council in 2000, when Audrey hand-delivered the application in New York.

Audrey first made her mark as a teacher. For 30 years she taught at St Cyres Comprehensive School, Penarth, gaining a reputation as an uncompromising advocate of girls' education and rising to deputy head, a distinction gained by few women in 1980's comprehensives. Committed to challenging sexism in education, she encouraged girls to study science and maths.

Audrey was interviewed for the British Library archive 'Sisterhood and After: The Women's Liberation Oral History Project' that documented memories of activists at the forefront of the fight for political and social equality in the 1970s and '80s.

She was a driving force in the Women's Forum of the Vale of Glamorgan Labour Party.

Determined the forum should survive when all-women meetings were being questioned in Labour Party circles, she argued women needed as many platforms as possible to promote equality.

She was a founder member of Women's Archive of Wales, the body committed to raising the profile of women in Welsh history. She linked WAW with the Women's Arts Association, and, deeply interested in art though not an artist herself, became chair for several years.

Audrey came to live in Wales in the 1950s when her late husband Hugh Jones took over transport logistics for international chemical company Dow Corning and the family settled in the Vale village of Dinas Powys.

As devolution loomed, Audrey was an ardent campaigner in the powerful movement of women's groups that combined to persuade the new National Assembly to commit to equal opportunity and she took to the streets in the drive to get the Labour Party to adopt constituency twinning to ensure gender equality in Labour representation in the first Assembly.

Audrey was taken ill when returning from a London meeting preparing for an international conference of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and died later that year.

Professor Jackie Jones, chair of WAW, said: 'Audrey was a courageous and committed campaigner and a long-term contributor to UN debates on women's rights. In those early days, she was a real pioneer and travelled the world to champion the cause of women. She made a difference. Being included in the DWB is a fitting tribute to all she achieved.'

The entry on Audrey for the Dictionary of Welsh Biography was written by Dr Jean Silvan Evans of Peterston-super-Ely, who said: 'Audrey spent time and energy fighting for the rights of women not only in Wales but across the world. It was a privilege to be able to record her life and work for this important national database, where it will continue to inspire other women.'

Last year WAW established the Audrey Jones Memorial Awards for Research by Women in her honour. This year's awards will be presented at WAW's annual conference on Saturday, March 11, 10am-3.30pm, which takes the theme 'BREXIT really is a Women's Issue!'

Speakers will include Baroness Eluned Morgan and Julie Morgan AM. It will be held at Cardiff University School of Social Sciences, Glamorgan Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3WT. Costs: £12 including lunch.

JEAN SILVAN EVANS

MPs allowed to use Welsh language in some debates

NEWS that MPs are to be allowed to speak Welsh in some UK parliamentary debates, has been welcomed by Vale MP Alun Cairns

Ministers are to bring forward changes in Parliament enabling MPs to use their language when the Welsh Grand Committee meets in Westminster.

Currently, MPs can only speak in the Welsh language at meetings of the Welsh Affairs select committee.

Mr Cairns, who is also Welsh Secretary, said: "I am delighted that MPs will be able to participate in the Welsh Grand Committee through the medium of Welsh for the first time in Westminster.

"It is vitally important that the people of Wales are able to hear debates in both languages.

The UK Government had previously rejected calls to overturn rules prohibiting members from speaking Welsh.

Ministers are proposing the change in a motion to be tabled during Government time in the Commons. The move does not change the rules as they apply to general House of Commons debates.

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Echo is Dogs Trust's 100th rehomed dog!

TAILS are wagging at Dogs Trust Bridgend as the rehoming centre celebrates re-homing its 100th hound since the New Year.

Taking the accolade is Echo, a two-year-old spaniel cross, who has been adopted by Therese and Peter Evans after they fell in love with her liveliness and sweet-nature. She was handed in due to her owners' work commitments, which meant they could no longer look after her.

Therese said: "We saw Echo on the website and we immediately fell in love with her! We've owned dogs, including spaniel crossbreeds, before and now we are both retired we are finally able to give a new dog all of the attention they need – plus it's a good excuse to get out of the house and go on some lovely long walks!

"Echo is the perfect match for us. She's got a wonderful, friendly personality as well as lots of energy so she'll definitely keep us on our toes. We're really looking forward to having lots of fun together and giving her the great life she deserves."

The rehoming centre in Pen-y-Fai can care for around 100 dogs at any one time and last year it rehomed more than 700 dogs.

Rebecca Baker, Dogs Trust Bridgend rehoming centre assistant manager said: "It has certainly been a busy start to the year but it's fantastic that so many people, like Therese and Peter, want to give a dog a second chance.

"In the last few weeks, we've rehomed dogs of all shapes and sizes, from collies to crossbreeds, and to know that they've all headed off to their loving forever homes is wonderful."

"Sadly, dogs arrive every week for a variety of reasons but thanks to the hundreds of people that come through our doors every month, we are able to find them their ideal home."

If you think you could offer a dog a permanent home, call 0300 303 0292 or, to find out more, visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Echo has set tails wagging!

'Have your say' call at local elections

LOCAL elections are earmarked for Thursday, May 4, and the Vale Council is urging residents to get ready to have their say.

A spokesperson stated: "By voting, you will be deciding who represents you and your neighbours in the Vale, and who makes decisions on the provision of local services, such as education services, leisure and recreation facilities, as well as roads and footpaths.

"There are a few ways you can vote, but, it is important that you register first. The deadline to register to vote is Thursday, April 13. Residents can apply to register to vote at *www.gov.uk/register-to-vote*. To do so is easy: all you will need is your National Insurance number, date of birth and address.

You can vote in these elections if you have registered to vote in the UK, and will be 18 or over on May 4.

To download an application form for a postal or proxy vote, visit www.yourvotematters.co.uk or call 0800 3 280 280.

VALE NFU LADIES' TALK

AN informative talk on the history of the Glamorgan Fox Hounds by the Master, Mr J Thomas, was enjoyed by all and a lively discussion followed.

Helena Davies gave the vote of thanks and Ann Anthony won the raffle. Some £300 is to be sent to the kidney research at the University Hospital Wales, our charity donation.

The next meeting is on March 21 at 7.30pm in Penllyn village hall, with John Sheen.

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GVS funding applications

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A4AW awards grants are between £500 and £5,000 and P&P grants are between £5,001 and £1m. Voluntary and community groups serving the Vale of Glamorgan will be able to apply for a half-hour A4AW or 45-minute P&P appointment with a BLF advisor to discuss the eligibility of a potential application.

Groups that wish to apply must be available anytime between 10am and 5pm on Thursday, March 16.

To apply for an appointment, forward an outline application proposal (one side of A4 maximum), preferably by e-mail, to dave@gvs.wales or alternatively it can be posted to GVS, Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry (CF62 9DA). Applications must be received by Wednesday, March 8. Please state whether your project is for A4AW or P&P funding.

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Ben aiming to be iNVNCBL for RNLI

LOCAL RNLI lifeboat crew member and education volunteer, Ben Philips, is participating in the gruelling 10k obstacle iNVNCBL race series – to raise money for the lifesaving organisation.

Lifeboat crew member and education volunteer, Ben 'Sven' Philips, in full RNLI kit and equipment. Photo by Becci Townsend.

Stationed at RNLI Barry Docks, he will travel hay bales, scale walls and crawl through mud on Saturday, March 4 in Margam Park, near Bridgend.

Ben will be running as apart of 'The Rum Runners' team with his friends Sammi Munson and Philippe Moracchini.

The team are hoping to reach their target and raise £200 with donations.

Ben is no stranger to challenges as he raised nearly £1,000 for the RNLI with a historical 'Norman soldier' haircut in October last year.

An RNLI education volunteer, Ben delivers vital sea safety messages to school children and other young people. He is also a volunteer lifeboat crew member at Barry Dock RNLI and his family have a long history of service with the station. His great-grandfather and his brother were both crewmen and his dad is a second coxswain.

Ben said: "I am always finding new ways and challenges to raise money for an organisation close to my heart. This is my biggest challenge yet.

"We are running this event because, as a group who enjoy water sports and being at sea, the RNLI plays an extremely meaningful part in ensuring our safety at sea.

"As a crew member and volunteer, I see first-hand the difference raising money can make for both the crew and the local community to ensure people are safe and return home."

The RNLI needs around £460,000 per day and relies almost entirely upon donations from members of the public in raising money for the charity's 237 life stations and 350-boat fleet, provide continuous training and modern safety equipment for crew members, 'from boots to boats'.

The average equipment cost to ensure the safety of individual lifeboat crew members is around £2,500. This includes waterproof clothing, lifejackets, thermal suits and safety helmets.

You can support Ben and the rest of 'The Rum Runners' team by donating on their Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sven-RNLI. More information can be found on the RNLI website, www.rnli.org.

Cardiff Airport wings in for Alzheimer's Society Cymru

STAFF at Cardiff Airport have presented Alzheimer's Society Cymru with a donation of £1,040, the total amount raised following a recent raffle collection.

This fundraising activity is just one of the ways Cardiff Airport is now working with the charity to raise awareness of dementia. Staff will continue to develop a relationship with Alzheimer's Society Cymru and will undergo additional awareness training to become Dementia Friends; to enhance the customer service experience in ways that will help passengers with dementia and their carers.

Cardiff Airport's aim is to become one of the few UK airports to be recognised as a 'Dementia Friendly' airport with the support of the charity, whose Dementia Friends campaign is already recognised across Wales.

Cheryl George, community fundraiser for Alzheimer's Society Cymru in south east Wales, visited Cardiff Airport to collect the donation, and said: "We are so very thankful to the team at Cardiff Airport for choosing to support Alzheimer's Society Cymru through their annual raffle.

"The £1,040 raised is gratefully received. This money will go directly to help fund research, provide support and campaign for a better quality of life for people with dementia.

"The Airport's charity committee supports so many charities and good causes throughout the years and it is great that dementia is high on the Airport's agenda. We are really looking forward to developing our relationship further and this will include running Dementia Friends sessions with staff very soon and helping the airport become Dementia Friendly."

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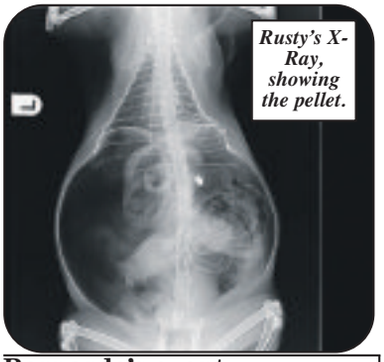

Rusty's X-Ray, showing the pellet.

AN appeal for information has been launched after a Barry cat died on a veterinarian's recovery table after being shot by an air rifle.

The cat, named Rusty, had the pellet removed by operation on February 24.

An x-ray scan revealed the pellet in the cat's back, but sadly,- Rusty did not make it through the recovery stages following surgery.

An RSPCA Cymru spokesman said: "The cat started to appear unwell approximately two weeks earlier, but had no obvious wounds on her body, so it was not apparent she had been the victim of a shooting.

"Rusty was also being treated for a chest infection. However, it is now believed this is when the shooting took place."

RSPCA Cymru is urging anyone with information potentially related to the incident to contact the charity's inspectorate appeal line. The incident is understood to have taken place about a fortnight earlier, on Brookfield Avenue, where the cat lived.

Gemma Black, RSPCA inspector, said: "Our thoughts are with Rusty's owner at this very difficult time for them.

"The cat sadly didn't recover from the operation on February 24. This sad and shocking incident is the latest example of the suffering to pets that one person with an air weapon can cause.

"We urge anyone with any relevant information to come forward, and contact the RSPCA's inspectorate appeal line on 0300 123 8018."

Rusty's owner Kathryn Price said: "We are heartbroken to lose Rusty, who was one of our three much-loved cats.

"She was an older cat, who didn't go far – so we fear the shooting took place while she was in our back garden."

Should you wish to support the RSPCA, you can give £3 by texting LOVE to 87023 (text costs £3 + one standard network rate message).

Barnardo's event

BARRY Barnardo's fundraising committee have arranged an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments entitled 'A Touch of Irish'.

The afternoon will include entertainment by local artists and groups with refreshments in the Church Hall of All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry, at 2pm on Saturday, March 25. Tickets (£7.50) are available from Nans Binding on 01446 734083. All welcome.

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BRIDGEND FORD STAFF ARE 'MOVING CLOSER TO STRIKE ACTION' – SAYS UNION LEADER

AT the time of going to press yesterday (Wednesday), a confused picture had emerged regarding the future of Bridgend Ford, which makes 250,000 engines a year for Jaguar-Land Rover (JLR), and twice that number for its own use.

The plant, which opened in 1980, employs some 1,900 people and specialises in producing petrol engines. It supports around 10,000 further supply-chain jobs in south Wales and beyond.

The GEM understands that top officials from Ford UK and Unite union were planning to be present at the Bridgend plant yesterday.

Unite claimed on February 28 that more than 1,100 jobs were at risk, although just two years ago, Ford of Europe made the recommendation to Ford HQ in Detroit to build the new 'Dragon' petrol engines at Bridgend.

The investment is being backed with an additional investment grant by the Welsh Government.

The union is concerned because Ford has not issued any five-year outlook for the plant – something that it says is in place for other plants.

Len McCluskey, leader of Unite, caled on Ford to "end the agony of its Welsh workforce and commit at last to the Bridgend engine plant".

Mr McCluskey said that failure to provide commitments on new investment will see the workforce move one step closer to strike action in defence of their jobs.

In early 2015, it was announced that production of the JLR engines would move to its new plant in Wolverhampton, cutting by a third the number of units produced in Bridgend.

First Minster of Wales, and Assembly Member for Bridgend, Carwyn Jones AM, is in the US on a trade mission.

In a statement issued on Twitter, he said: "These reports are clearly deeply concerning, and we are actively seeking urgent assurances from Ford, both in the UK and US, about their future plans.

He added that there is "dialogue" – through trades unions – with the workforce, members of which are "being offered every assistance".

However, Welsh Conservative AM and Shadow Economy Secretary Russell George said yesterday that the First Minister "must travel to Detroit [Ford' HQ] to seek assurances from Ford executives over the security of its Bridgend plant's long-term future".

Mr George continued: "This situation has been rumbling on since June now, and right in the backyard of the First Minister's constituency," he said.

"This is very worrying news for workers and their families, who for many months now have been grappling with an increasingly uncertain future.

Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon said that she had spoken to Ford officials on Tuesday [February 28] and claimed there had been no mention of job losses, adding that the latest development "has completely blindsided me".

She continued: "We are living in uncertain times. We know for some time that that production of the Sigma engine, exported to the US, China and Europe is coming to an end. The Jaguar Land Rover engine contract is also coming to an end.

"Expectations about the number of new Dragon engines for export to Europe has declined. So there is a need to attract new work to the Bridgend plant.

" It is important that management, unions and the workforce work together to maintain the productivity and viability of the Bridgend plant. I along with my fellow local MPs will continue to work to seek tariff free access to European markets so that new work can be attracted to the Bridgend plant."

Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP Alun Cairns told The GEM: "I met with Ford officials yesterday [February 28] and discussed various issues at the plant, including the natural life cycle of engines made there and ongoing plans for modernisation.

"As Secretary of State I, will continue to positively engage with Ford at Bridgend."

The GEM will continue to monitor this changing story.

Are you affected by the suspected job cuts, either at Bridgend Ford or in the supply chain?

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Samaritans reach out and say – *'we are here to listen'*

SAMARITANS branches across Wales were at their local train stations for St David's Day to raise awareness of their service.

While many people are aware of Samaritans' national emotional support service, Samaritans Cymru used the Welsh Saint's day to increase awareness of its Welsh language free-to-call number.

Samaritans also want people across Wales to know that they can get in touch about anything that's troubling them, no matter how large or small the issue.

Common reasons people contact Samaritans are relationship and family problems, bereavement, financial worries, job, college or study-related stress, loneliness and isolation, depression, painful and/or disabling physical illness, alcohol and/or drug problems and thoughts of suicide.

Welsh rugby referee, Nigel Owens, MBE, a supporter of Samaritans, said: "I'm proud to be supporting Samaritans Cymru for St David's Day. It's really important that we promote their free Welsh language number for Welsh speakers. Samaritans are there for those who are struggling to cope and that includes communities right across Wales."

Branches in Wales involved in the Wales-wide event included Cardiff, Swansea and Bridgend. Geraint Morgan, community relations manager for Arriva Trains Wales, said: "The rail industry cares about the wellbeing and safety of its customers and staff and we are pleased to be supporting Samaritans as they promote their Welsh and English language helplines and the valuable support provided by their volunteers."

Samaritans is available round the clock, every single day of the year, to listen and offer confidential support.

Call 116 123 (this number is free and will not show up on your phone bill) or call the Welsh language line on 0808 164 0123 (also free, and open from 7pm – 11pm, seven days a week). You can also email jo@samaritans.org, or visit www.samaritans.org to find details of your nearest branch in Wales.

Work by women scholars in Wales wins top awards

WORK by two postgraduate researchers at Cardiff University is being recognised in annual research awards presented in memory of a Welsh woman who campaigned for women's rights across the world.

The Audrey Jones Memorial Awards for Research by Women – now in their second year – will be presented at the Wales Assembly of Women annual conference in Cardiff in March.

Audrey Jones, who represented Wales on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and contributed to UN consultations and debates on women's rights across the world, died in 2015 aged 84. Up until she retired in 1990 she was deputy head of St Cyres Comprehensive School in Penarth, where she had taught since 1960.

Co-ordinator of the Audrey Jones Memorial Awards Dr Jane Salisbury said: "We were delighted with the quality of entries we received this year. Audrey always felt too many research findings remained hidden away from public view. She would be thrilled to know a new platform for female scholars had been established in her name."

The theme for the annual Wales Assembly of Women conference is: 'Brexit Really is a Women's Issue!' The morning session will hear from Baroness Eluned Morgan AM and Julie Morgan AM; both AMs are members of National Assembly committees looking at EU issues. The role of the EU in gender equality will be tackled by Cardiff University academic Dr Rachel Minto.

The 2017 Audrey Jones Memorial Awards will be presented in the afternoon:

Welsh Women's attitudes towards a different form of cervical screening: human papilloma virus (HPV) self-sampling: Dr Denitza Williams, division of population medicine, College of Biomedical & Life Sciences, School of Medicine, Cardiff University.

E cigarettes – a new route into tobacco use? Implications for girls in Wales: Elen de Lacey, Decipher Research Centre (Development & Evaluation of Complex Interventions for Public Health Improvement), Cardiff University.

The Wales Assembly of Women conference is being held on Saturday, March 11 at Cardiff University, School of Social Sciences, Glamorgan Building, from 10am until 3.30pm. The conference costs £12 to include lunch and refreshments. For booking form and further information email: info@walesassemblyofwomen,.co.uk

The Wales Assembly of Women is an independent organisation for women in Wales, NGO accredited to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

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Fantastic February for Motion Control

Lacey Mae and her parents.

THIS month, working in partnership with the Vale Council, Motion Control Dance has been delivering sessions for the 'Girls on the Move' campaign, along with the 5x60 after-school sessions in Bryn Hafren and St Richard Gwyn.

They have also been working with the years 5 and 6 dance club in Romilly Primary School.

Dancers also took part in a sponsored event that raised £1,212 for Lacey Mae, a five-year-old who has a brain tumour, and as a result has lost her sight, and suffered a stroke, *a spokesperson reports*.

The fundraising event saw dancers undertake a sponsored 'mannequin challenge' and danceathon for two hours alongside Ian Bishop, who punched a bag 22,500 times over five hours! Thank you to everyone who supported this event and helped Lacey Mae and her family.

Well done to dancers from Local Motion dance company and Juvenile for reaching the semi finals of The Welsh Factor. Both groups performed amazingly on the night but unfortunately the contest ended there at Caerphilly – a great experience though for everyone involved.

Congratulations to all our dancers of the month for their passion and progression in their dance sessions.

This month, tutors chose Hannah Brown, Katie Williams, Rhosyn Boyce, Liam Mallam, Opal Knight and Evan Dyer for the awards.

Check out our new website for all our services and opportunities in community dance in the Vale at www.motioncontroldance.com.

Success for ballet school's pupils at Academy exams

STUDENTS from the Nicola Peros Ballet School are celebrating their success in the Royal Academy of Dance examination session that took place in November 2016.

All 32 students passed with high Merit or Distinction grades, which is an amazing achievement and the Pre-Primary in Dance students all achieved their class award.

Nicola Peros Ballet holds classes in St Nicholas Hall, Barry and in Cowbridge Road, Cardiff, and has an outstanding reputation for turning out classical dancers.

A number of students have gone on to take up vocational school places at The Royal Ballet School, Elmhurst Ballet School, Hammond School Chester and Trinity Laban Conservatoire, London.

Several students are on associate programmes with The Royal Ballet and Ballet Cymru and the school was featured on S4c's Mwy O Mwfs series on dance last November.

One former pupil Maisie French, now studying at a top vocational school, played the young Margot Fonteyn on the BBC documentary of her life that was shown at Christmas, which was presented by Darcey Bussell; and another pupil, Stefanie Maurer has been awarded her third year place on the junior associate programme with The Royal Ballet School and will be the subject of a feature on S4c's *Heno* this week.

School principal Nicola Peros was also asked recently to judge the University of Cardiff dance competition, which is for teams drawn from universities across the UK who compete in a number of different dance genres including ballet, jazz, hip hop, contemporary and tap.

Nicola Peros Ballet students were successful in the following grades:

Grade 1 (passed with Merit): Alana Fajeyisan, Matilda Davidson Talbot, Ophelia Forbes and Tanya Luck Appleton Janhom.

Grade 2 (passed with Merit): Caitlin Hobbs, Grace Rose Long, Katie Maria Alsop, and T'Leia Renwick-Reffel.

Grade 3 (passed with Merit): Alyssa Fofana, Eleanora Smalley, Elizabeth Hope Angove and Mia Thompson; passed with Distinction – Ellie Clark and Lana Spender.

Grade 4 (passed with Merit): Lia Cavaliere, Stefanie Maurer, Maisie Rose Peter; passed with Distinction – Louise Emily Bagnall.

Grade 5 (passed with Merit): Danielle Emms, Leah Davies; passed with Distinction – Amber Hamling and Bridget Peake.

Grade 8 (passed with Merit):Megan Ene Lovering and Tayla Gerrish; passed with Distinction – Caitlin Eve Coles and Rhiannon Staples.

Pre-Primary in Dance (class award): Amelia Williams-Scott, Benjamin Noah French, Eva Lily Pitt, Evlyn Thomas, Lily Trigg and Phoebe Mia Jones.

For further information on ballet classes visit www.nicolaperosballet.com or info@nicolaperosballet.com or call 07850 741136.

4 ESSENTIAL TIPS TO SORTING OUT YOUR 2017 SAF

by RACHEL SAUNDERS

FOR farmers, it's that time of year again when the annual Single Application Form needs to be submitted. You've probably got sheep lambing and cows calving, and the last thing you have time for right now is yet more paperwork to complete.

Rachel Saunders, County Executive Officer of the Farmers' Union of Wales for Glamorgan, has some useful tips to help you with the process:

*You can start completing your form from the 6th of March but the deadline to submit is 15th of May. Even being a day late will incur a penalty on your payment. Get it done early!

*The forms can only be completed online. Make sure your computer and internet speed is able to cope with this technical form. You might like to print a copy too? How's that ink level looking?

*The form is altered every year, so make sure you've read the rules and guidelines. It's usually quite hefty, but very important you know about all the requirements and rules that might affect you.

*Has there been any changes to your business over the past year or will there be imminently? Have you bought/rented more or less land? Are you part of any agricultural environmental schemes? Do you have your stocking figures? What about checking the latest mapping measurements? These will all need to be notified on the form.

Everyone in the farming community knows that it's important to get the SAF submission right, and the FUW offers professional support in all their offices across Wales to help you with the process. Their extremely experienced and trained staff have had the latest Welsh Government training in order to assist all types of farms with the forms and process. What's more, this support is offered free as part and parcel of the comprehensive membership package.

Get in touch with your local FUW office in Cowbridge and speak to Rachel Saunders on 01446 774838 to book an appointment today to join and get that vital paperwork sorted. Then you can get back out on the farmyard quickly, doing what you're meant to be doing – farming!

Dante is full of energy!

DOG of The Week at Dogs Trust is Dante, our beautiful 18-month-old collie.

Dante is full of energy but does have a sensitive side, and can get a bit mouthy when worried so will need correct handling.

Dante mixes well with other dogs in open spaces and would enjoy meeting his doggy friends. Dante's forever home needs to be with experienced collie owners who live in a quiet location, as he gets anxious around traffic.

If you are interested in Dante and are able to commit to continued training and visits to the centre to get to know Dante, call us on 01656 725219 or visit our website. **RC**

Student aims to prove she is Career Ready

CARDIFF and Vale College student Danielle is a career-ready winner, and has been recognised as one of the top business students in the country.

Danielle, a 19-year-old Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business student from Barry has won the Sir Winfried Bischoff regional award for Wales, the west and Midlands. She will travel to London later this month, to give a presentation and interview to a judging panel that will determine the UK-wide winner of the award for Career Ready students.

Tracy Bird, CAVC's Career Ready programme co-ordinator, said: "We are all so proud of Danielle – she's done brilliantly and really deserves this award. The team here at Cardiff and Vale College are all rooting for her as Danielle stands an extremely good chance of being the UK-wide Career Ready Student of the Year."

Danielle Halford at CAVC's campus.

CAVC is a committed member of the Career Ready programme as part of its drive to ensure students are employable and able to add instant value to any workplace.

Career Ready is a national charity that links with schools and colleges to prepare learners for the world of work. Alongside their academic studies, students benefit from a two-year programme of regular mentoring, workplace visits, masterclasses and internships.

During the programme Danielle had an internship with the bank Santander and impressed senior staff there with her presentation skills. One even asked that she leave him a copy of PowerPoint presentation she had prepared as it was the best that he had ever seen and he wanted to keep it as a template. A Welsh speaker, Danielle also gave the bilingual opening address at the college's Career Ready graduation ceremony last year.

"I was completely surprised to win this award, to be honest," Danielle said. "It was so nice to get the opportunity – I never expected that my name would be put forward so it's just amazing.

"I'm really excited to be going to London; it will be yet another opportunity to meet new people and have new experiences. I'm very excited and happy to be going.

"Career Ready has been completely life changing for me. I would never have expected to have the goals I have now compared to the ones I had before I started on the programme – they are so much more ambitious.

"I've applied to go to university to do a degree in business management and law, which is something that would never have crossed my mind before I started the Career Ready programme. It's completely changed my career path, and has been even better than I expected."

'Don't hamper us!'

is the message from Welsh dairy farmers

GLAMORGAN farmer Abi Reader took to the NFU conference stage to add produce to a specially-created hamper to be sent to Liam Fox MP, the International Trade Secretary.

Abi, who farms in Wenvoe, represented Welsh dairy producers at the 2017 NFU conference in the ICC Birmingham, by placing cheese in the hamper .filled to the brim with British food and drink. She was joined by 12 fellow farmers and growers from around the UK, who provided produce for the hamper, in order to send a clear message to the Department for International Trade, promoting the high standards of British produce, and urging policy makers not to undersell British farmers.

She said: "The 2017 NFU conference saw a lot of discussion about future trade deals – how these deals must give farmers and growers the opportunities to export and must not see the industry traded off against other sectors. Our high standards cannot be undermined.

"I was delighted to be able to join farmers and food producers from across the UK in sending this message to Liam Fox, who will be negotiating trade deals for Britain.

"We need Dr Fox to be proud of British farming – and not undersell it – we need him to ensure that our high standards are maintained and we don't open our borders up to cheap food produced at any cost from around the world."

Abi Reader at the NFU conference in Birmingham.

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, March 2 the artist, author and demonstrator Paul Weaver from Bristol (www.paulweaverart.co.uk) will give an acrylic demonstration of painting animals in a landscape.

On March 9, artist Gayle Rogers (www.gaylerogersart.com) will give a demonstration of watercolour pencils.

The society welcomes artists of any level, and also non-artists to see demonstrations of art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics.

We meet on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm – 9 pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com or www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas/?ref=bookmarks.

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CARING GETHIN (AGED 6) AND HIS PALS BRING COMFORT TO THE HOMELESS...

A six-year-old boy has been recognised by the Vale Council – after his campaign to help the homeless saw Fairfield Primary School donate more than 60 winter warmer bags to people sleeping rough in south Wales.

Gethin Pritchard, a pupil at Fairfield, was only two when he spotted people sitting on the street in Cardiff and asked his mum, Tammy, about them.

On learning they had nowhere to live, Gethin was concerned and wanted to help.

Assisted by brother Zak and sisters Alissa and Ellie-Mai, what began with donations of hot drinks soon stretched to food and then gift cards for local coffee shops and bakeries.

But Gethin wasn't finished there, a spokesperson said and asked schoolmates to help. Together they started collecting even more supplies for the homeless.

Such was the response, a total of 64 aid bags containing the likes of thermal hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries as well as other items were donated by parents and distributed to those on the streets by charity Huggard.

Businesses also joined the effort, with Lenstec Optical Group in Caerphilly raising more than £200 towards items for bags.

Gethin and his schoolmates are now planning an even more ambitious project to collect waterproof sleeping bags and tents for the homeless.

In recognition of that effort, Gethin and other pupils at the school were recently presented with special certificates by Vale Council Deputy Leader Lis Burnett.

"When we heard what Gethin and his fellow pupils at Fairfield Primary School had done, we felt it should not go unnoticed," said Coun Burnett.

"With the encouragement and support of the school, these pupils are a shining example of good citizenship. They show great compassion at such a young age and are a credit to themselves, their families and their school. As a past pupil of the school, I was absolutely delighted to join the chief executive of the Huggard Centre at a recent school assembly to award the pupils Social Awareness certificates in recognition of their kind work."

Tammy Pritchard said: "The school was fantastic at getting on board with it all, and really helping. I mentioned it to one teacher and they thought it was a brilliant idea. Then it was put to the school council, who were right behind it as well."

Father Tony Pritchard said: "When Gethin came up with the idea of the bags, it was a bit of a headscratcher in terms of how we were going to do it. Luckily, the school were amazing. Without them we wouldn't have got this off the ground.

"Some of the kids' families really went to town. We had jackets, trousers and hoodies. We want to say a big thank you to them."

Fairfield headteacher Sian Lewis said: "We were approached by Mrs Pritchard and Gethin and straight away the school council were supportive and wanted to get behind his initiative.

"We shared the idea with the children and had a wonderful response from them and their families. An incredible amount of stuff was brought in and we're just so proud of them and especially Gethin.

"As part of the curriculum, we talk to the children about being good citizens and having good values. This is a very good example of how they put that into action."

ABOVE, left to right, back row: Coun Lis Burnet, Zak Pritchard, Tony Pritchard, Tammy Pritchard, Alissa Pritchard, Huggard chief executive Richard Edwards. Front row: Gethin Pritchard and Ellie-Mai Pritchard.

Young Gethin wanted to help people living on the street.

Hospital fundraiser

LOCAL people are being asked to help raise funds for Barry Hospital's younger and older onset dementia inpatient ward, at an event on March 3 from 7.30pm at Barcocoa, Barry; £5 entry.

Featuring music and entertainment from The Fax Machines, dance to this five-piece band featuring funk, soul, pop and rock 'n' roll covers. The special guest MC is stand-up comedian Dave Parton Jones.

Younger and older adults living with dementia are cared for on St Barruc's ward at the Barry Hospital, where the money raised will go directly towards making it "more comfortable and homely for the residents"

Diabetes UK meeting

THE next meeting of this voluntary group is on Tuesday, March 21 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm – 9pm.

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True-life story lacks the human touch..

THE Boston Marathon bombing in 2013 was a terrorist attack that shook the world, its impact reverberating as people struggled to comprehend the severity of this atrocity.

The bombing, and the pursuit of the men responsible captivated a worldwide audience, so it's unsurprising that it has become the subject of a film, *Patriot's Day*.

Directed by Peter Berg, it stars Mark Wahlberg as Tommy Saunders, a policeman who is caught up in the bombing; providing support to the Boston police commissioner Ed Davis (John Goodman), FBI agent Ron DesLauriers (Kevin Bacon), it sees the city go into lockdown as the hunt for the two men (Alex Wolff and Themo Melikidze) responsible for the attack goes into overdrive...

Coming so soon after the events of April 15, 2013, Patriot's Day is a film that attempts to delve beneath the surface to tell the story of how this attack occurred and the events that led to the death and capture of the men responsible.

While a noble, gripping story that celebrates the hard work and efforts of those tasked with capturing the terrorists (and those caught up in their actions), the film all too often feels like a procedural, a slowburner that etches out how the police and FBI went from having no information to enough information.

While this doesn't diminish the power of the story being told, and makes for a thoroughly engaging watch, you can't help but feel the more intriguing story is in what the film doesn't tell you.

As the film builds up to the attack we meet several characters who prove to be key in the story that unfolds, whether they be innocents who will find themselves embroiled in the events of the ensuing days or those responsible for the attacks; yet the majority of these characters end up on the periphery, sidelined by the no-less engaging but slightly more familiar story of how the terrorists were caught.

Rather than appeal to the human interest in how these people survived and made it through the atrocity (something *Marathon: The Patriot's Day Bombing* documentary does exceptionally well), we end up with something that feels a little over-familiar, seemingly cribbed from the likes of 24 or any other 'catch-a-terrorist' film.

It's interesting, certainly, especially for those with little knowledge of what went down between the bombs going off and those responsible being tracked down, but doesn't really tread any new water in terms of its execution.

This is Peter Berg and Mark Wahlberg's second true-life disaster film in six months, having previously directed and starred respectively in *Deepwater Horizon*, and both do a decent job here. Berg always brings an immediacy and an immersiveness to his filmmaking and this is no different, using inserts of real footage to give the film a more factual and grounded edge, while a shoot-out is grittily and impressively staged.

Wahlberg plays an amalgamation of several real-life characters, and despite being the name above the title of the film, and perhaps because of this doesn't really play a leading role; his Boston sensibility and knowledge of the area comes into play, guiding larger forces to make decisions they know will help track down the terrorists, but a monologue about the impact of terrorism aside, his role slots alongside the other performances with little fanfare, the film peculiarly anchored around his character.

John Goodman, Kevin Bacon and JK Simmons all give the film a foundation of class and dependability in their roles, but it's very much an ensemble feel, the story dictating the importance of the characters and their involvement in the story.

But what smacks most of a missed opportunity is the last five minutes of the film; eschewing the fictionalised telling of the story, a mix of interviews with the real people who are depicted in the film and footage of the city in the aftermath of the attack are more powerful and potent than much of what is the film before.

Berg aims to end the film on the note that, given the atrocities that have since taken place in Brussels and Paris (to name but two), the power lies not with those who wish to harm but with those who have survived and thrived despite the actions of others.

It's a strong conclusion, yet given that the film is about the manhunt rather than the human stories at the centre of the attack, it strikes a false note – Berg would arguably have been better telling this story in *Patriot's Day* rather than the compelling, but overly-familiar one he chooses to run with.

VERDICT – A powerful story well told, *Patriot's Day* is nonetheless something of a missed opportunity. Eschewing the story of those caught up in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing for a more linear manhunt story, we are caught up in the drama but never as fully emotionally invested as we could have been. That said, few directors are capable of producing such compelling work as Peter Berg in what is still an impressive film. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Deepwater Horizon* (2016), *World Trade Centre* (2006).

by GARETH JAMIESON
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Barry Astronomical Society invitation

BARRY and District Astronomical Society is inviting people to a free two-part presentation at Barry Island Community Centre, to whet the interest of budding astronomers, as well as to help sharpen the knowledge and techniques of the more advanced.

Part 1 is on Monday, March 13 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Members will explain telescopes and astronomical accessories, show how to make the most of observing and astronomical imaging sessions, and offer advice on buying gear.

Part 2 takes place on Monday, March 27 at the same time and will introduce the changing skies and show how to find the best cosmic objects, as they reveal themselves month by month through the seasons.

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The luncheon is funded by GVS and supported by Communities First Barry. To book a place, contact 01446 709432.

Also, they will be running a soup kitchen at the Cadoxton Multicultural Voluntary Community Cafe, 97 Main Street, Barry, on March 7 and March 21 from 1pm-3pm where the elderly can meet others. Those unable to attend may arrange delivery.

For more information, contact Rita on 01446 734414.

Tai Chi for health

THERE is a popular Tai Chi class every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon at the Coity and Litchard Centre, just west of the roundabout, Heol West Plas.

Free car parking and tea/coffee, biscuits after the first hour. Charge, £3 per hour.

However, for those who attend, a similar but free two-hour class is available by the same organisation in Porthcawl on Friday mornings, at the Awel y Mor Centre, Wellfield Avenue, Porthcawl.

Classes are well supported but there is room for more.

For details call Edwina 01656 728628

Friends of Penarth Library

ON Saturday, March 4, Friends of Penarth Library are having a book swap at the library between 10am and 1pm.

Enfys Craft Fair

THE second craft fair of 2017 will take place on Saturday, March 4 at the St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry between 10am and 4pm with free admission.

Susan Roberts will take over the charity raffle for March and the charity will be Baby Basics, launched to provide urgent and necessary items for new mothers in the Vale needing support.

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Any other local charities who would like the support of the Craft Fair raffle should contact Beryl Weale on 01446 418695.

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Orchid Society meets

AFTER a Christmas break the Cardiff and Vale Orchid Society reconvened in January; the members had a very successful post-Christmas lunch at the Toby Carvery in Rhoose and the AGM in February.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, March 4 at the Old School in Sully at 2pm with a talk by Mr Malcolm Perry, who will be giving a talk on Unusual Orchids.

Everyone with an interest in orchids and caring for orchids is welcome to join in.

For more information contact Tony Cumming on 01446 738472.

Health topics at Age Connects

IF you suffer from fibromyalgia, or have been recently diagnosed with this condition; if you are looking after a loved one or relative with fibromyalgia, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a Health Topic session on Tuesday, March 7 from 10am – 12pm.

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The success of previous coach trips to craft shows across the UK has led to a new trip to Wonderwool Wales on Saturday, April 22. There are limited spaces still available, so book soon to grab your seat.

New stock is in from Makower, Stylecraft and more. The White Gecko team are also finalising details of the next Cardiff Craft & Hobby Show at Cardiff City Stadium, taking place on Friday and Saturday June 16 – 17. Tickets from: events.ticketbooth.eu/event/cardiff-craft-hobby-show.

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Open weekend tells the story of wartime escape from Hut 9

THE site of the former Second World War German prisoner-of-war camp at Island Farm, Bridgend, was opened to the public recently as the Hut 9 Preservation Group staged their first open weekend of 2017.

A total of 630 visitors took the opportunity to visit the scene of the famous 'German Great Escape' and were entertained by volunteers, who told them more about the history of the site.

The former World War Two camp is sealed to visitors for much of the time, but several times each year the locked doors of the hut from which this escape was made, are opened to allow hundreds of visitors a rare look inside this unique building.

Members of the Hut 9 Preservation Group and over 50 'living historians', dressed in period uniforms, gave talks and guided tours inside the hut. A number of period military vehicles were also on site.

Military historians were on hand to tell visitors about the history of the buildings, from their occupation by female workers at the nearby ordnance factory to the housing of hundreds of German prisoners of war. Also on display were dozens of original wall paintings made by the occupants over 70 years ago and rescued from some of the now-demolished huts.

Brett Exton gave illustrated talks on the history of the site, and Dr Jonathan Hicks told visitors about the work of the group since its formation in 2012, and ALSO gave an insight into that famous night in March 1945 when 70 German prisoners made their bid for freedom.

A spokesman said: "Every penny donated by visitors at these special openings is spent on improving the visitor experience. In the last two years, under the guidance of group member Wayne Gill, the group has renovated a nearby derelict building to convert it into a visitor centre and this building now contains a re-creation of the night that 70 Germans escaped through a tunnel dug from one of the rooms in Hut 9.

The group has also worked hard to kit out the rooms inside Hut 9 to give visitors an insight into its fascinating past and another newly-furbished room was opened for the first time for this event.

A replica guard tower has been constructed by the group and a replica NAAFI café, staffed by volunteers, provided refreshments, while group member Stel Anthony recorded the memories of visitors who remembered the site in its heyday.

Dr Hicks said: "It was apparent from the hundreds of positive comments made by our visitors that they value the work we have done to keep alive this important piece of Welsh history. The open weekend was fully booked up months in advance, which gives some idea of the scale of public interest in this historic site.

"All 300 tickets for our June 10 event have already been reserved. I am now taking bookings for our October event, and half of the 600 tickets have already been snapped up. The interest in our work is phenomenal."

Donations to the Hut 9 voluntary group, which is seeking to ensure the future of the site, are welcomed and allow the group to make even more improvements to the building and surrounding area.

To reserve a place on the Hut 9 tours on October 7 and 8, email Dr Hicks at: bookings@hut9.org.uk. Details of the tours are also available via the group's website: www.hut9.org.uk.

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Snowdogs spring into action for Ty Hafan...

EVERY dog has its day, and the Snowdogs are using theirs to raise money for a children's hospice.

On Thursday, March 9, Snowdogs: Tails in Wales will be welcoming everyone to an open day at Cardiff International White Water.

The event, from 8am to 6pm, will give curious dog lovers the chance to find out more about this 'mass participation public art trail' in aid of life-limited children and their families supported by Tŷ Hafan children's hospice.

The campaign, which has already created a buzz across the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff, will see a huge pack of 1.5m-high Snowdog sculptures sited on streets, iconic buildings and open spaces.

Each dog will have its own unique design created and painted by an artist or celebrity.

At the end of the 10-week trail, each dog will find a permanent home when they are put up for auction to raise money for the charity.

Helen Gibbons, project manager of Snowdogs: Tails in Wales, said: "This event is an opportunity to find out more about the campaign and how you or your organisation can get involved.

"Anyone is welcome to attend - just come in to say hello, and our friendly team will be on hand to answer any questions....and a few Snowdog sculptures are likely to make an appearance, too."

For more information visit www.snowdogstailsin.wales.

A Snowdog in the sun at Barry Beach.

Saint's day tea with Welsh Hearts charity

WELSH HEARTS will be holding a celebrity afternoon tea to mark St David's Day on Wednesday, March 1 at 10 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, with celebrity guests including Cardiff Blues' Alex Cuthbert and other members of the Welsh rugby squad.

Sharon Owen, the charity's director, urged: "Celebrate the Welsh Saint's Day in style and enjoy a traditional St David's Day afternoon tea, with a selection of finger sandwiches, assortment of delicious cakes, scones and a glass of bubbly on arrival. It's the perfect treat for mum, daughter, gran, auntie or with your friends."

All of the money raised will help Welsh Hearts continue its work in placing life-saving defibrillators in the community, as well as the Heart Screening Wales programme.

"To date, Welsh Hearts have been very successful in placing over 482 defibrillators throughout Welsh communities. With the help of medical staff who donate their time, we have trained over 15,000 people to carry out CPR. This is exactly why events like the afternoon tea are so important, because every penny raised stays in Wales and is spent here to save lives.

"This year, your donation to Welsh Hearts will make such a difference and help us to place more defibrillators throughout Wales, and enable us to hold heart-screening sessions to detect heart abnormalities. We do not receive any Government funding, unlike other national charities. Please help us raise £1,000,000 in Wales this year and together we will save lives! Every tea party you hold will support the work of Welsh Hearts.

"Your support will help to save lives right here in Wales. Please do get in touch for further information."

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AUTISM IBOOK IS LAUNCHED

ON February 16, Vale AM Jane Hutt and Vale Council Deputy Leader, Coun Lis Burnett. cabinet member for education tended the launch of the Practical Autism Toolkit iBook.

The AM said: "The iBook is a highly-effective, interactive resource, which has been developed through collaboration with pupils with autism and the wonderful people who support them. "

Ysgol Y Deri will make this resource available through their website. The book includes photos, audio and video clips to describe strategies for creating autism-friendly environments and to help support pupils at school. The Welsh Government supported this project through the Autism Strategy Fund.

Ysgol Y Deri received £5k of ASD strategy funding which they have used to develop this resource. The resource is designed to evolve as the schools involved continue to collaborate and work with young people with autism.

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High-flying cabin crew students celebrate...

A GROUP of 10 cabin crew students from Cardiff and Vale College are celebrating new jobs, despite only starting their courses in September.

It means that the entire cabin crew cohort will now progress straight from college on to the first step of their chosen careers when they complete their courses in March. Nine of the students have been employed by Swissport to provide check-in services at Cardiff Airport, and one has found work with easyJet.

Last November, a further three students accepted job offers from British Airways and easyJet.

"We have had a long and reciprocal partnership with Swissport over the last ten years," CAVC Aerospace and cabin crew lecturer Kay Davies said. "If you go into Cardiff Airport now, you will still find lots of former students there."

The students are currently based at the college's renowned International Centre for Aerospace Training, which is also based at Cardiff Airport in Rhoose. They are thrilled to have found employment, thanks to the skills they learned on their course.

"The cabin crew course has been a great course and help to me," 20-year-old Amir Mushtaq from Cardiff, said. "It helped me improve my confidence and it has helped me to get a job.

"I will be sorry to leave but it will be a privilege to be working just across the road at Cardiff Airport. I would recommend this course to anyone who is interested in this industry."

Zoë Davies, 21, from Llantwit Major, said: "I am very happy to begin employment with Swissport at Cardiff Airport in March. It will give me an amazing experience with the aviation industry and is one step closer to becoming cabin crew in the near future.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the cabin crew course as it helped me gain more knowledge of the industry. I cannot wait to see what my future holds."

"It's been a wonderful course – I don't want to leave, plus the tutors are fab!" 18-year-old Hannah Williams from Penarth said. "Luckily I will only be across the road.

"I'm thrilled to have been offered a job by Swissport and I can't wait to start."

Gwenllian Arkless, 19 from Cardiff, said: "Not only did a learn a lot about cabin crew while being on this course but also my confidence has improved when it comes to interviews. So when I found out that we had this job opportunity with Swissport I knew that my tutor, Kay Davies, was the one to thank."

Nineteen-year-old Aimee Marshall, from Barry, said: "I really enjoy the Cabin Crew course. I've made many new friends and have gained a variety of skills.

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"My teacher Kay has been amazing and supportive and I will be very sad to leave. I have been offered a job at Swissport and I am very excited to start as it will be an amazing experience to put on my CV and help me progress to becoming a member of cabin crew with Emirates in the future."

Olivia Knight, 18, from Cardiff, said: "I have really enjoyed my time on the CAVC Cabin Crew course, I have made friends and will have memories for life. I believe this has helped me and set me up for my future in cabin crew – it has helped my confidence and my personal skills. The teachers have been amazing and very helpful.

"I'm so glad I started my career here and am very excited to start my journey just over the road with Swissport."

Swissport are also set to interview Level 3 Aviation Operations students for part time jobs and work experience, and Aerospace Engineering students to work as ramp agents and baggage cart drivers.

Cabin crew students in the 'classroom in the sky' – a Boeing 737 fuselage at ICAT.

Make a noise and save lives

MY mother, the actress Marjie Lawrence, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer three weeks before she died. It was too late for anything but palliative care.

One in 50 women will develop ovarian cancer in their lifetime. Currently, less than a third of women are confident they know the four main symptoms, and earlier diagnosis could save thousands of lives. That's why Target Ovarian Cancer wants to Start Making Noise this March for Ovarian Cancer Awareness month.

The main symptoms of ovarian cancer are: tummy pain, persistent bloating, feeling full and needing to wee more.

I'm asking your readers to help save lives by joining us to start making noise, spread the word about the symptoms and raise much-needed money to support women living with ovarian cancer in the UK.

Blue Peter's Sarah Greene.

There are loads of ways to make some noise:

Bake Some Noise with a cake sale or coffee morning; the Big Colour Clash – join us on Friday, March 10 and wear your loudest outfits in school or work for a donation; challenge yourself to tell 50 people about the symptoms and raise £50.

We'll send you everything you need – free balloons, symptoms leaflets, badges and wristbands. Call 020 7923 5474 or visit targetovariancancer.org.uk/March.

Sarah Greene,
Target Ovarian Cancer ambassador.

THE Ty HAFAN LOTTERY DRAW

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D972:

- **The £3,000 rollover: 789346.**
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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

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Please come and meet us to view and have an input into the detailed proposals for Darren Farm, Cowbridge.

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Taylor Wimpey is intending to apply for the approval of reserved matters for its detailed plans at Darren Farm, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan.

Come and meet us from:
12pm – 7.30pm on Wednesday 15 March 2017 at The Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall, High St, Cowbridge CF71 7DD

Details correct at time of going to press.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(CROSS COMMON ROAD, DINAS POWYS (RHAN))

(CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) 2017

1. Ar 2 Mawrth 2017, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod:

2. Gelwir y Gorchymyn "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys (Rhan)) (Cau Ffordd (Dros Dro) 2017 a daw i rym ar 6 Mawrth 2017.

ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad	Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys rhwng y gyffordd â'r A4055 Ffordd Caerdydd a'r gyffordd â Wellwood Drive.
Rheswm	I allu tynnu dec y bont o'r hen bont dros Afon Cadoxton.
Hyd	O 6 Mawrth 2017 am hyd at 18 mis.
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Dyddiedig 2 Mawrth 2017.

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(CROSS COMMON ROAD, DINAS POWYS PART))

(ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

1. On 2nd March 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys (Part)) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2017 and shall come into operation on 6th March 2017.

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys between its junction with the A4055 Cardiff Road and its junction with Wellwood Drive.
Reason	To allow for the removal of the bridge deck from the old bridge over the Cadoxton River.
Duration	From 6th March 2017 for a maximum period of 18 Months.
Alt. Route	Diversions for traffic will be available via the new road junction off Cardiff Road located to the South of Cross Common Road junction.
NB:	Pedestrian access shall be maintained via the existing footbridge.

Dated this 2nd day of March 2017.

M. E. Punter,
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Romilly Park Road - £390,000
Five bedroom semi. Entrance porch. Hallway. Three reception rooms. En suite, shower room and family bathroom. Loft space. UPVC DG. GCH. Enclosed gardens.

Whitehouse, The Knap, Barry - £349,000
Two bedroom mid link residence on the edge of The Old Harbour. Entrance hallway. Living room. Kitchen. Cloakroom. Family bathroom and en suite. UPVC DG. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Panoramic views. EPC rating: C.

Colcot Road, Barry- £344,950
Extended, three double bedroom detached residence. Architectural plans for a double storey extension. Kitchen with integral dishwasher and washer/dryer. Dining room. Shower room, family bathroom. Boarded attic space. GCI, UPVC. Large garden, driveway, garage. EPC - D.

Nant Talwg Way, Barry- £299,950
Four bedroom detached. Hallway. Lounge open to dining room. Downstairs w/c. Fitted kitchen with integrated appliances. Family bathroom. Shower room. GCH. UPVC DG. Front and rear garden with driveway. Garage with utility area, and remote door. EPC rating- D.

Fontygary Road, Rhoose - £249,950
Three double bedroom semi. Lounge. Dining room. Fitted kitchen/breakfast room. Study. Downstairs cloakroom. Bathroom and separate w/c. UPVC DG. GCH. Gardens to front and rear. Large driveway. Garage. No chain.

Southesk Place, Barry - £209,950
Three bedroom semi detached property in a cul de sac location. Hallway, downstairs w/c. Lounge, dining room. Fitted kitchen, shower room. UPVC DG. GCH. Forecourt and south facing rear garden. (Viewing highly recommended).

Tynewydd Road, Barry - £195,000
Three bedroom semi detached. Entrance porch. Hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Sitting room. Kitchen. Family bathroom to first floor. Enclosed rear garden. GCH. Viewing highly recommended.

Brookfield Avenue, Barry - £179,950
Two bedroom semi detached bungalow. Entrance porch. Living room. Kitchen/dining room. Utility room. Family bathroom and separate cloakroom. Enclosed gardens to front and rear. UPVC DG. GCH. Driveway/garage. EPC rating: D.

Earl Crescent, Barry - £139,950
Three bedroom end link property. Entrance porch. Open plan living room. Kitchen. Bathroom with separate w/c. Enclosed rear garden. Property benefiting from UPVC DG and GCH. EPC rating: E. NO CHAIN.

Dovedale Street - £115,000
Traditional three bedroom; Entrance porch. Hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen and bathroom to the ground floor. GCH and partial UPVC DG. Enclosed forecourt and rear garden. NO CHAIN.

Vere Street, Barry
We have three available flats at this property. 2x 2 bedroom and 1x 3 bedroom that have all been recently refurbished to a high standard throughout. Please call for prices.

Adar Y Mor, Barry Island - £195,000
Well presented three bedroom link detached. Entrance hall. Cloakroom. Lounge. Kitchen/dining room. Bathroom and en suite shower room to master bedroom. UPVC DG. GCH. Enclosed garden. Driveway and garage. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Trinity Street, Barry - £127,500
Three bedroom bay fronted property. Entrance porch. Hallway. Lounge through dining room. Kitchen. Ground floor bathroom. Close to Romilly, St Barucs and High Street Primary Schools. EPC rating: TBC. NO CHAIN.

Amorella House, Barry - £149,995
All furniture included. Two double bedroom top floor duplex apartment. Hallway, Lounge with French doors to balcony. Modern fitted kitchen/breakfast room with kitchen appliances. Bathroom and bedroom. Spiral staircase. Master bedroom, shower room. UPVC DG. EH. Two parking spaces. EPC rating: C. NO CHAIN.

Jenner Road, Barry - £209,950
Three bedroom, bay front residence. Entrance porch. Hallway. Open plan living room/kitchen fitted 2016. Modern white bathroom suite. UPVC DG. GCH. Enclosed gardens to front and rear. Garage. New roof in 2015. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Ffordd Cwm Cidi, Barry - £294,995
Four bedroom detached situated on Woodlands Rise. Entrance hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen/breakfast room. Utility room. Downstairs w/c. Family bathroom and en suite to master bedroom. UPVC DG. GCH. Rear garden. Driveway and garage. EPC rating: C. NO CHAIN.

St Osyth Court, Barry - £156,950
Two bedroom apartment enjoying panoramic views. Communal entrance and hallway. Lounge/dining room with access to balcony. Kitchen. Bathroom. UPVC DG. GCH. Well maintained communal gardens. EPC rating: C. NO CHAIN.

Waters Edge, Barry - £129,950
Well presented one bedroom, second floor apartment. Lift to all floors. Entrance hallway. Open plan living room and fitted kitchen with appliances. Modern bathroom. DG. EH. Video door entry system and intruder alarm. Secure, gated allocated parking. EPC Rating: D. NO CHAIN.

Lower Morel Street, Barry - £115,000
Three bedroom bay fronted property. Entrance hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen. Ground floor bathroom. UPVC DG. GCH. Rear garden. Forecourt. EPC rating: E. OFFERED FOR SALE WITH NO CHAIN.

COMMERCIAL

12 York Place - £12,000 Per Annum
Opportunity to lease suite of six offices plus board room set over two floors. Floor Area Approx 101m/1087ft. Kitchen and toilet facilities. Two allocated parking spaces. Low maintenance courtyard. Flexible terms.

Unit 15 Palmers Vale Business centre - £365,000
The property is located on a secure multi-unit business centre. Internal area 6,000 SQ FT (557.5 sq m) with a large surfaced concrete yard that is fully enclosed with palisade fencing and two entrances.

Unit 1b Palmers Vale Business centre - £15,000 Per Annum
An opportunity to let a furnished ground floor suite of open plan offices. Parking facilities. Main office area, three private offices, board room, kitchen area and rest room. Total floor area approximately: 183m/ 2,000 ft. For further information or to arrange a viewing please call 01446 701333.

Rear Of Old Barclays Bank, Barry - £12,000 Per Annum
RARE TO THE MARKET... An opportunity to lease the rear of The Old Barclays Bank on Broad Street. Unit comprising; ground floor warehouse and first floor with plant/offices suites. The premises were designed and built as a high security depots previously used by the Bank as a Bullien Centre. Various security precautions are therefore designed into the structure. Unit benefits from ample parking spaces. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

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Sea Point, Barry
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One bedroom top floor flat. Unfurnished. Fitted kitchen/diner. Bedroom with fitted wardrobe. Bathroom. Living room. Stunning sea views. Electric heating. Double glazed. Communal car parking.

Glan-y-Mor, Y Rhodfa, Barry
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Two bedroom unfurnished apartment. Unfurnished. Good size living room. Fitted kitchen with oven and hob. Family bathroom with shower. En suite shower room. Gas central heating. Balcony overlooking the Waterfront. Close the train station. Allocated parking space.

Maritime House, Barry
£575 Per CM
Two double bedrooms. First floor apartment. Unfurnished. Outside terrace. Open plan living area/fitted kitchen. Bathroom with shower. Double glazed. Electric heating. Close to train station & town centre. No pets. No smokers. No DSS.

Wenvoe Terrace, Barry
£450 Per CM
One bedroom ground floor garden flat. Open plan living area/fitted kitchen. Electric cooker and fridge. Wardrobes to bedroom. Unfurnished. Decorated to high standard. En suite shower room. Double glazed and electric heating. Small rear garden with sea views. Water rates are included in the rent.

Melrose Street, Gospel Hall, Barry
£600 Per CM
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Celebrating one of the new lifesaving machines in Dinas Powys

Saving lives with Dinas Powys WI

DURING 2016, Dinas Powys WI have been fundraising to provide three public access defibrillators for Dinas Powys.

In the week before Christmas, two machines were installed in their weatherproof cabinets. (The third defibrillator will be placed as soon as a site is confirmed.)

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Stuart Egan, together with Jane Hutt AM and representatives from the local community, the British Heart Foundation, the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust, and the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys attended a short ceremony to launch these lifesaving machines – situated at Peter Mulcahy Estate Agents (next to Nisa) at the Cardiff Road shops and the premises of Potter & Co Accountants in Station Road DP (next to The Star).

Dinas Powys WI thanked the businesses who have agreed to have the machines on their exterior walls, making them accessible 24 hours a day. They are also picking up the cost of the low level electricity supply which keep the boxes dry and frost free.

WI president Mrs Beti Digby said: "Dinas Powys WI are extremely grateful for generous donations to the defibrillator fund from Dinas Powys Community Council, Rotary Club of Dinas Powys, Individual WI members, and members of the public. Without the support of the village community, these machines would not be in place."

Highlight Park WI round-up

TWENTY one members of Highlight Park WI, met in the small room at Highlight Park Community Centre for their first Tuesday of the month meeting.

The intention was to 'Show the Love' which is a way of showing your love of everything we could lose to 'climate change'. This involved creating green felt hearts, very small ones, by sewing two pieces of felt together, decorating them with embellishments and adding a pin to attach them to your clothes.

At the meeting on February 21, some changes of duties were announced.

Velindre Hospital sent a letter thanking us for the knitted chicks and rabbits that we sent for the Velindre Appeal. The Poncholi charity sent us a thank you letter for our contribution to their education programme. Future events will include a Welsh Tea on March, 7, proceeds to the Denman Appeal and invitations have gone out to our neighbouring Link Groups to join us.

In March, we will be decorating eggs for our competition. Also in March, we will be heading up the M4 to the Palace of Westminster for a guided tour. Our next programme for the coming year has been arranged and will be distributed at the AGM in April. Many more trips and meetings have been arranged for later on in the season. Watch this space.

Our guest speaker for this meeting was Romeo Bassini. Coming from the rugged mountains of the Ceno Valleys in Bardi, Italy Romeo Bassini arrived in the Rhondda Valley in Treorchy with his family.

Young men left their homes in Italy to make their fortunes in Wales. They worked long hours and hungry for companionship and family they went back to marry their sweethearts. On their return they settled in terraced houses.

Romeo's family wanted to set up a shop but having no financial experience but with determination to succeed, they did open a shop and started up a café as well financed on rolling credit. Selling ice cream on the street from goblets which were reused was a unique idea which was very popular.

After regaling us with his story, he accompanied us on his accordion.

Future meetings are held as follows: March 21st at 7pm with a speaker; weekly craft Circle meets every Thursday at 2pm; and the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm on March 7.

All are welcome at the Highlight Community Centre, near Tesco Barry. Please come along and join in. **DB.**

Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk or call 01446 774484

GOOD DAY FOR VALE FOODBANK!

A VERY successful collection day for foodbank was held at Barry Asda store on Saturday, February 25.

We would like to say a big thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped and the staff at the store for arranging this collection. The biggest thanks go to the wonderful customers of the store who were extremely generous in their donations.

There is a permanent basket at the store for any donations for foodbank and they can also be brought to our collection points at Coastland Church and St Mary's Church, and other supermarkets in the town of Barry.

For further information, telephone the Vale Foodbank on 07879 562077. **SB**

Cold and wet outing for the Penarth and District Ramblers

DESPITE a rather poor weather forecast, five keen walkers from Penarth and District Ramblers turned up for a walk in the Ogwr valley led by John R.

Low cloud and a damp mist greeted them on their arrival at Lewistown, just one of the villages in the valley for workers in the coal mines, all of which are now closed.

From Pant-yr-Awel, a climb up through fields led to the medieval church situated on the hillside to the northeast of Llangeinor and dedicated to the 5th century St Cein, a daughter of King Brychan who devoted her life to the church after leaving home because her father wished her to marry a local prince.

After setting up a religious settlement in Keynesham where she is known as St Keyne, she went on a pilgrimage to St Michael's Mount in Cornwall and reputedly caused a new well or spring to flow, which had special healing powers for eye complaints. She returned to south Wales, and is buried on Mynydd Llangeinor.

Interestingly, the churchyard has a listed grave with a Mortsafe, a metal contraption placed over the grave to protect it from grave robbers, who stole bodies for medical students to learn anatomy.

Heading northwards on the western side of Cwm Ogwr Fawr through thick mist, reaching the steep craggy Craig Ogwr, the group entered winding roads with their signature hairpin bends, created to make the valleys accessible.

Crossing to the east side of Cwm Ogwr Fawr, their return journey was made through a windfarm where only the noise from the invisible turbines in the mist could be heard, before paths through the vast Ogmore Forest led them back to their start, cold and wet but still in good spirits.

On March 4, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate walk at Wentwood; contact Sue G on 07954 139 946.

On March 5, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10.5-mile mod/hard walk at Lydbrook in the Wye Valley; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

For more information, see www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Speaker's glimpse behind the scenes of Russian air power

THIS month Penarth Aviation Society member, John Andrew, will be giving a talk entitled 'Russian Air Force Museum at Monino, Moscow 2007'.

While on holiday in the former Soviet Union in 2007, John was able to visit the Russian Air Force Museum at Monino near Moscow. The museum contains a wide range of military aircraft with just about every type used by the Soviet and Russian Air Forces since the end of the second world war, carefully displayed outside a couple of hangars which contain older types.

Starting with the MiG-15 which duelled with the Sabres of the US Air Force in the skies over Korea in the 1950s, these exhibits trace the development of Russian fighters and bombers on through the classic MiG-21 to the Su-35 Flanker and Tu-22 Backfire of today.

Alongside these mainstays of Russian air power are various experimental types which never entered production and can only be seen at this fascinating museum.

Regulars will remember John's talk on Australian air museums and look forward to this peep behind the Iron Curtain.

The next meeting of the Penarth Aviation Society will be held on Friday, March 3 at 8pm in the Penarth Conservative Club. It meets on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club. Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend a meeting to sample hospitality.

Further information may be found on the website, www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk; Facebook page www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk and from secretary Barrie Howell on (029) 21322385.

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

GORCHYMYN (GORFODI SIFIL) (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 2) 2017

1. Rhoddir rhybudd bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan adrannau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Adran 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn diwygio'r mannau parcio yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn yr Atodlen isod.

2. Mae modd gweld manylion llawn y cynnig hwn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau gwaith arferol a bydd rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiad i'r cynnig i Gyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf.IF821) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 24 Mawrth 2017 a rhaid cynnwys sail eich gwrthwynebiad.

3. Hysbysir pobl sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn bod cyfrifoldeb cyfreithiol ar y Cyngor hwn, yn sgil Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad at Wybodaeth) 1985, i gyflwyno unrhyw sylwadau a dderbynnir yn ymateb i'r Gorchymyn a gynigir yn agored i'w harchwilio gan y cyhoedd.

Bydd y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio 2013

ATODLEN

Cynnig 'Dim Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg'

yn Court Road, y Barri - Insert into map schedule AT53
Ar ochr ddeheuol Court Road, o'i chyffordd â Chilcote Street am hyd o 10 metr tua'r gorllewin.

Ar ochr ddeheuol Court Road, o'i chyffordd â Chilcote Street am hyd o 10 metr tua'r dwyrain.

Chilcote Street y Barri - Insert into map schedule AT53
Ar ddwy ochr Chilcote Street, o'i chyffordd â Court Road am bellter o 10 metr tua'r de.

Dyddiwyd y 2 diwrnod o Mawrth 2017

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 2) ORDER 2017

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to amend the parking places at the locations specified in the Schedule below.

2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF821) in writing by 24th March 2017 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time'

Court Road Barry - Insert into map schedule AT53
On the southern side of Court Road, from its junction with Chilcote Street for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction.

On the southern side of Court Road, from its junction with Chilcote Street for a distance of 10 metres in a easterly direction.

Chilcote Street Barry - Insert into map schedule AT53
On both sides of Chilcote Street, from its junction with Court Road for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction.Dyddiwyd y 2 diwrnod o Mawrth 2017

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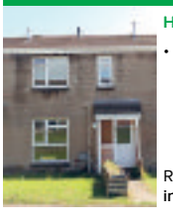

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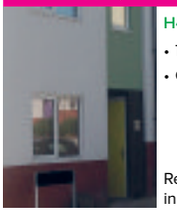

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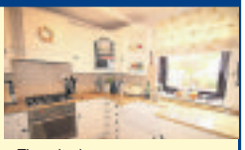

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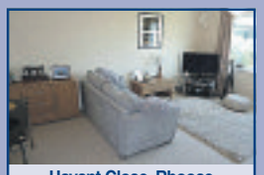

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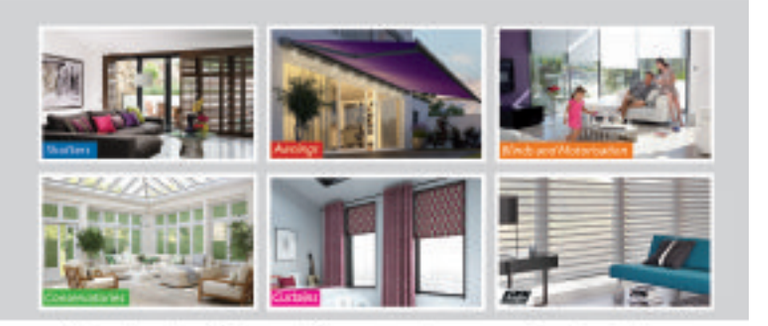

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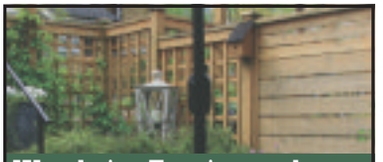

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MORRIS
John Rees

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Pauline Nancy

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John Anthony

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Peacefully on 20th February 2017, Patricia, beloved wife of the late Eric. Much loved mum of Melanie, Justin and Caroline, loved grandma of Anwen, Taran, Evan, Freddy, Emily and Iestyn.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday, 10th March 2017 at 1pm.

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LEGG
Pamela Gloria

Sadly after a short illness on Thursday, February 23rd, Pamela passed away. Beloved wife of the late Douglas, best mother in the world to Kevin, Janet and Jacqueline. Mother-in-law to Anne, Davy and Bob. A wonderful grandmother to Marion, Robyn, Hayley and Cameron and a great grandmother to Lara.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major until the funeral service on Tuesday, March 7th 2017 in Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium at 3pm.

BOWKETT
Robert (Bob)

Suddenly but peacefully on 19th February 2017, Bob, much loved husband of Sheryl, loving father of Karl and Nicola. Father-in-law of Lorraine. Devoted gramps of Danielle, Lauren, Heather and Leah.

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 6th March at 12 noon. Donations in lieu may be sent to the British Hearth Foundation, Sophia House, 28 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ or the RAF Benovolument Fund, 75 Morel Street, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4PN.

CORRIGAN
Daniel

Peacefully at Barry Hospital on 25th February 2017, Daniel, aged 72 years.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 9th March at 11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. No flowers by request. Donations, in lieu, if so desired, for The Alzheimer's Society c/o the funeral director.

Acknowledgements

WINSTONE
Peter

Diane, Andrew and family wish to thank those who attended Peter's funeral and for the many cards and flowers sent.

We wish to thank Rev Canon David Brunning for the lovely service, the doctors and nurses of the Vale Surgery, Velindre Hospital for their devotion, to Jeff for being such a good brother and Eileen for being such a good friend.

HARRIS
Graham William

Glenys and Gareth wish to thank all those who were able to attend the service to celebrate Graham's life, held at St. Mary's, Wenvoe, led so well by Rev. Jon Ormrod.

The family would also like to thank those who sent messages of sympathy and donations for The Alzheimer's Society and Kidney Research UK, in memory of Graham. Thanks also to the staff at Adams Funeral Directors for all their help and assistance.

Birth Announcement

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March 4, 2016

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Loving wife Dot and all the family xxx

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Heather

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We all miss you very much, John and family xxx

EVANS
Gaynor Mary *(née Stevens)*

(March 3)

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You will never be replaced,
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With love always,
Steve, Andrea and all the family

Thank You

THANK YOU

I would like to say a big thank you to the person who kindly found my wallet in Kings Square, Barry at approximately 11am on Saturday, 25 February and placed it behind my windscreen wiper.

Birthdays

Sherry Austin

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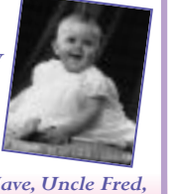

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Penarth Hockey Club news round-up

IT was a case of win, lose and draw for Penarth Hockey Club's three active sides at the weekend, but each remains in control of their own destiny as the promotion race in their respective GoCrea8 leagues intensifies.

PENARTH 5, BRISTOL UWE 3

With the Conference North schedule heading into the final straight, Penarth faced the first in a run of fixtures to the finish line with revenge on the agenda as they looked to reverse one of only two defeats suffered this season.

Bristol UWE were the visitors to Stanwell, and found Penarth back to their brilliant best in the early stages, the home side playing with an intensity their opponents could not handle.

Consequently, the goals soon began to flow, Chris Baker opening the Bears' account as he found himself one on one in the 'D' before committing the keeper and coolly slotting the ball into the bottom corner.

Minutes later, the goalscorer turned architect, creating panic in the UWE defence before finding the in-form David Joyce, who smartly rounded the 'keeper and produced a fine finish from a tight angle.

The Bears should have been in full control but, as the game settled down, UWE began to warm to the challenge and started to dictate the play more and more as Penarth abandoned their intensity and communication as tiredness crept in.

After a period of pressure, during which the home side was grateful to goalkeeper Simon Comfort for keeping the score at 2-0, Penarth's resistance finally broke following a barrage of penalty corners.

Hunting the green-shirted midfielders in twos, UWE sprung their trap, turning the ball over in the final third and getting through on goal before making no mistake to draw a goal back and finish the half strongly.

Penarth were definitely the happier to hear the half-time whistle and take the opportunity to regroup, and the break immediately paid dividends as, rallying to player-coach Ben Croxall's battle cry behind the efforts of midfielder Joe Thomas, they rediscovered their former intensity to score straight from the restart.

Using the Bears' press to force the UWE defence into a mistake in a dangerous area, Baker fed the turnover ball to Andrew Willemite, who calmly lifted it over a defender's stick and, once into the 'D', chipped the still bouncing projectile over the on-rushing 'keeper from an acute angle.

With their tails up once again, Penarth would pull the same trick immediately after the restart, forcing the shell-shocked students into another turnover, with Baker this time backing himself to score as he squeezed through to defenders and fired home on his backhand to put the home side into a commanding 4-1 lead.

Incredibly, Penarth continued to make hay while the sun made a rare appearance, adding a third strike of the half before their own defence had even been called into action.

This time the goal came from a set-piece, with Croxall firing low to the keepers left from a penalty corner, the netminder unable to sort his feet out before the ball had hit the backboard and all but seal the victory with just five minutes on the second-half clock.

As suddenly as the Penarth blitz had started, however, it was brought to an abrupt end with captain Tom Haran receiving a harsh 10 minutes yellow card 'sin bin', which allowed the students some respite from the onslaught.

Pulling one goal back while holding the numerical advantage, UWE would go on to add a third late in the half, but never truly threatened to catch the Bears, who relied on two truly remarkable spells of hockey to win the game comfortably.

Penarth's progression requires them to produce the type of hockey which produced five goals in those two short spells carried over 50, 60 or even 70 minutes.

However, with another home victory in the bag and results elsewhere going their way again, the Bears will take comfort from further increasing their lead at the top of the division and inching closer to the wining line.

CARDIFF MEDICS A 1, PENARTH A 1

It was a different story for Penarth's second XI, who travelled to Talybont Sports Complex to face Cardiff Medics with half of their usual team either injured or unavailable to play but, facing bottom-of-the-table opposition, the Bears remained confident of an away victory.

In the opening exchanges, however, it became apparent that this Cardiff Medics team was not the same second string that had been comfortably despatched in the reverse fixture, as the home side played hockey far above their lowly De Cymru 1 position and dominated possession.

In an open first half, in which both sides had chances, the Medics were largely held out by strong Penarth defending from a makeshift back four that included the unfamiliar faces of Nick Pratt and Joe Wells, both playing their first game for the A team this season.

When the defence, in which Jamie Davison turned in a strong performance, was breached, the Medics continued to be thwarted by goalkeeper Adam Putt, who made several fine saves to ensure that the scores remained level for almost the entire period.

Penarth, however, also looked dangerous when they managed to get the ball into the final third, and Jack Jopson and Richard Baker both tested the Medics keeper several times before the latter broke the deadlock, deceiving the keeper with a reverse stick strike at the near post shortly before the half-time whistle.

At the interval, the Bears knew they had to find a way to keep possession if they were to hold onto their slender lead, but the fact that they were missing so many regular players meant that it was difficult to do so, with a lack of cohesion very apparent when going forward.

The persistent turnovers allowed Cardiff to attack at will, and the Bears' defence did extremely well to hold out until the final ten minutes, only for the home side to get a deserved equaliser, breaching the resistance with extra men and firing home from close range.

The final few minutes saw more of the same, with the Medics looking increasingly likely to snatch a second, but it was Penarth who came closest to winning the game, with Baker and Sam Chick linking up on the counter-attack before Chick's effort sneaked just wide of the near post.

A share of the spoils was not the result the Bears wanted – or needed - but the fact that they dug deep to secure a point with an under-strength side keeps them in the top two overall by merit of goal difference, and gives them the narrowest advantage in the hunt for promotion with only four games remaining.

PENARTH B 0, SWANSEA UNIVERSITY C 7

A slightly below strength Penarth third string took on De Cymru 3 champions-elect Swansea University at Stanwell knowing that an unlikely win would confirm their own promotion behind the student side.

However, this was not to be as the visitors, themselves very much at full strength, produced some of the best hockey seen at this level all season to deservedly take a comfortable win and leave the Bears to put the champagne back on ice for at least another fortnight as they head into a bye week prior to another tricky encounter with Gwent on the second weekend of March.

Three Penarth teams are in action again this weekend, with the first XI travelling to Bristol University for a late morning fixture, while both the second and fourth XIs enjoy home encounters with Swansea City (1.45pm start) and Gwent (3.30pm start) respectively.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. When the regular season resumes, training will take place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7.00pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

CL

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

WE open with news that Dinas Powys Athletic have withdrawn from the league and so their record has been expunged.

A sad end for a club that saw successive promotions since their inception.

Dinas' departure gives the Premier Division a slightly different look as their results for or against do not count now.

Only six games were played across the three divisions this weekend with the weather postponing six other games.

In the Premier Division Rhoose continued their fantastic form with a tight 2-1 victory over Penarth Town. The result sees Rhoose draw level with Vale United at the top of the table, however, Rhoose have played five games more.

Elsewhere in the Premier, St Athan took all three points at Maslin Park with a 3-1 over Island Marine, Josh Morgan (two) and Jordan Mortimore scored.

Tynewydd picked up a much-needed win as they dispatched bottom side Masons Moving Group 5-1.

In Division One league leaders Barry Athletic B edged ever closer to the league title with a 4-0 victory over Cadoxton Barry, Izaac Farrag (two), Dan Morgan and Mark Kingdon with the goals making it six league wins on the bounce.

With only three games remaining, can Atheltic B hold on to their lead to clinch the Division One title?

Cadoxton Athletic defeated Dockers 5-1 to leapfrog them into seventh place while the result of Sully vs SP Billy was unknown as of writing.

Only one game in Division Two but it was a goal fest as league leaders Cadoxton Imps beat the much improved Rhoose B 6-3.

Imps will hope their recent blip is over as they sit four points ahead of second place with six games to go.

This week's games of the day must be St Athan vs Penarth, Cogan vs Barry Belgrade and a big clash of third vs first, Penarth B vs Cadoxton Imps.

HD

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League

LATEST results for the Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for week commencing February 13 are as follows:

First division: SV Gals (V Pycroft 31) 309; Space Finders (A Norman 30) 301; Pila Palas (S Potter 32) 332, Red Admiral (S Romans 34) 320; Family and Friends (G Loveless, J Jones 24) 242, Bakers Dozen (K James 33) 259; Barry Stars (A Morgan 34) 326, Family Affair (G Taylor 30) 312; Coppers (D Nesbitt 33) 328, Bobby's Girls (G Toogood 35) 304; Colcot Ladies (H Edwards 29) 259, Cigar Ladies (A McCarthy 29) 249; Special Angels (T Jones, P Grisdale 26) Allsorts (R Dawe 27) 246.

Second division: Castle Bandits (S King, B Evans 26) 244, Clickies (E Walters 28) 254; Roller Coasters (C Thomas 22) 215, Breakaways (V Martin 25) 223; Cad Con Fillies (A Beattie 28) 240, After Eights (P Bryant 27) 196; Witchill Widows (L Spyrou 40) 288, Fallen Angels (C Jones 33) 334; Rhoose Starlights (D Stradling 29) 265, Castaways (J Tobin, J Byrne, G Drew25) 239; Airways Angels (A Crook, L Thomas 25) 235, S V Lights (P Beadle 26) 202.

Third division: Little Devils (J Jones, S Evans 27) 235, La Belles (C Knight, S Curtis, R Clogg, S Webber 23) 224; Rebels (R Sutton 29) 250, Rugby Triers (S Cogbill 30) 237; Challengers (B Griffiths 39) 324, Witches (S Beer 30) 247; Uptown Girls (J Cosslett 26) 248, Dolly Mixtures (E Peckham 27) 226; SV Ladies (S Humphries 30) 247, Etcetera (C Mackintosh 31) 261; Westenders (M Davies 25) 236, Twilights (T Davies 26) 248.

Fourth division: Nite Outers (J Baker 26) 214, Liberals (A Boyd 26) 163; Aristocats (T Weston 27) 209, Witchill Wanderers (C Reynolds 24) 187; Socialites (D Marks 32) 268, Odd Bods (S Hazlewood 30) 172; Living On A Spare (M Pring 32) 320, Guardian Angels (S Dike 29) 292.

Farmers defy Doris as 80mph gusts make things difficult!

HE captain's drive-in for Raymond Thomas, the recently installed captain of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, took place last Thursday at Southerndown Golf Club when 42 members assembled at the first tee to witness the traditional opening shot of the new golfing season.

Winning golfers with sponsor Mr Glyn Watts-Jones.

Gale force winds reaching a reported 80 miles per hour failed to deter the contestants and it was not surprising the majority of the balls that failed to return home were carried on the strong winds heading towards the Bristol Channel.

Golf bags and electric trolleys being blown over was a regular feature and despite the hazardous conditions caused by Storm Doris, everyone completed their round.

Not surprisingly 28 stableford points was good enough for Bryan Wadham to collect the Southerndown Cup from the day's generous sponsor, Mr Glyn Watts-Jones.

Runner-up, also with 28 points but an inferior back nine, was Gareth Perkins with John Cains taking third place with 27 points, one more than Chris Watson who finished in fourth place.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Dai John, Aubrey Thomas and Julian Kelly

Rhydian Harris, with 29 points and playing off a handicap of five, won the visitor's prize with David Evans finishing runner-up with 24 points.

Mark Dowling collected the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge sponsored longest drive prize when hitting an enormous drive assisted by 'Doris' down the sixth hole and Tony McCarthy returned home with the Premier Turf sponsored bottle of whiskey when guessing 59 balls would not make it back to the clubhouse. This raised £86 for the Bridgend branch of The Stroke Association.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 30 at Ashburnham Golf Club, sponsored by Cowbridge solicitors Glamorgan Law.

T.McC

Three games for chess club on home soil

THIS week it was back to normal proceedings at Barry Chess Club.

We had three matches to play and unusually all three games were held in Barry on the same night. It was a bit of a squeeze but we managed it.

The Bosons played Penarth Pirates. The Pirates have two strong players on the top boards but don't have the strength in depth to avoid relegation.

Their top two boards scored 1.5 points but we took victories from Sam Jukes, Dave Parsons and Ken Hannah with ever-reliable draw specialist Steve Cunliffe adding the half.

This victory keeps us in sixth place but the fight to stay in the top division is so close that we will not know our fate until we play our final match against the Pontypridd Barbarians. This may be a relegation decider.

In division 3 the Quarks entertained the Nelson Griffins who were the team directly above us in the league table.

Victories for Tom Cooke and Sam White aided by draws from Stephen Bonutto and John Stephenson gave us a surprise 3-2 win.

This lifts us above Bridgend and out of the relegation spots. Our next game is a 10 pointer as we travel to take on Bridgend.

The Gambits could not give us a clean sweep of victories.

They played promotion-chasing North Cardiff Ravens and could only muster a point as they only had four players.

We remain all on our own in fifth place. The teams above us are moving into the distance and we hold a 4.5 point advantage over Bridgend.

Still if we finish in fifth place this will be a considerable improvement over last season's performance.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm each Monday at the West End Club. St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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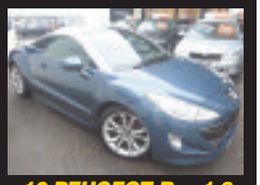

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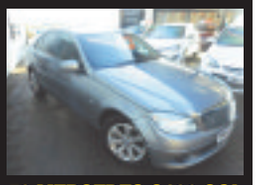

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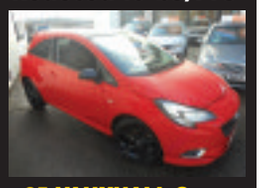

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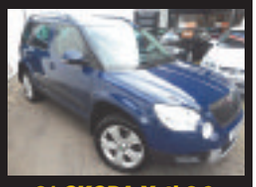

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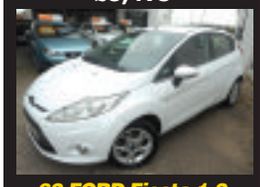

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Dinas Powys resident wins a first for Wales

Wheelchair user Maddy's black belt in Karate!

Lisa 'Maddy' Thomson has become the first female wheelchair user in Wales to achieve black belt status in karate.

A VALE resident has overcome mobility issues to become the first female wheelchair user in Wales to achieve coveted Black belt status in karate.

Lisa 'Maddy" Thomson, of Dinas Powys initially became interested in wheelchair karate in 2012, when her diminishing mobility made it difficult for her to take part in other sports.

Maddy was one of the first to join a block of 10 karate taster sessions at the New Horizons Day Centre in Barry. The sessions were organised by Linda Ruston, day service officer at the day centre. The centre supports adults with physical disabilities and is run by the Vale Council's Social Services Department.

The 10 sessions were attended by Maddy and 10 other participants, all of varying age and with different disabilities.

Maddy said: "I was initially looking for something to keep me active, as my rheumatoid arthritis had meant I was relying on my wheelchair to mobilise at all times, and had been unable to take part in the other sports I was interested in."

She went from strength to strength, and found that, within the space of a few months, she had competed in competitions and had taken her first grading.

She progressed quickly through the different coloured belts and gradings, and finally achieved black belt status in December, 2016.

Naturally, Maddy was extremely proud, saying: "I can remember my first competition being very nerve-racking, but, at the same time, it gave me a massive boost in confidence.

"This rise in confidence allowed me to enter a number of competitions all over Wales and the UK – from Swansea and Merthyr to the north of England and Scotland – and to even conduct a Karate demonstration for the Army at an event in Aldershot for wounded service personnel.

"Following receiving the black belt, I have gone on to coach my first lesson at the day centre with a fellow day centre member, Adam, who demonstrated the kicks for me.

"My next goal is to improve my teaching skills so that I can go on to do more instructing in the future."

Rob Green, Maddy's current Sensei, has been thanked for raising the profile of disability karate, and for opening everyone's minds to the concept of 'sport for all'.

He said of Maddy: "She is a true inspiration – not only to disability sport, but to women in general – and has, with great determination, overcome several obstacles to exceed her expectations. I am very proud of her."

Maddy continues to train at the day centre and St Pat's Academy, while four of her fellow participants at the original taster sessions still take part in karate at the day centre. The sessions are now also attended by nine clients with learning disabilities from Woodlands Day Service.

The Barry and District League results and tables

CRIB DIVISION 1:

League Table: Liberals 139; Moors Boys 125; Rhoose Social 123; West End Runaways 122; Wyndham Cons 119; West End 108; Cadoxton Cons 104.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

League Table: West End D 74.5; West End C 74.0; King William XII 69.5; Allsorts 69.0; Sea View B 68.0; Rugby Club 66.0; Rhoose Social C 61.5; Rhoosters 61.5; Barries Boys 61.0; Rhoose Social B 54.0; Rhoose Social A 50.5; Slammers 48.5; Liberals C 44.5; Liberals A 40.0; Cambrian Flyers 39.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Rhoose Social C 1; Cadoxton Cons Z 4; Cadoxton Cons B 3; Services Social B 2; Savoy A 5, West End C 0; Harbour B 5; Rhoose Social B 0; Penarth Cons B 1; Wyndham Cons A 4.

League table: Harbour B 75; Savoy A 70; Cadoxton Cons Z 56; Wyndham Cons A 50; Cadoxton Cons B 49; West End C 42; Rhoose Social B 42; Penarth Cons A 37; Penarth Cons B 29; Rhoose Social C 28; Services Social B 27.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Sully Sports A 2; Cadoxton Cons A 3; Wyndham Cons C 3; Harbour A 2; West End B 3; Wyndham Cons D 2; Market Street C 2; Market Street B 3; West End A 1; Liberators 4.

League table: Liberators 62; Wyndham Cons C 59; Savoy B 58; Harbour A 53; Market Street B 53; Cadoxton Cons A 48; Market Street C 45;

West End B 38; Wyndham Cons D 36; West End A 35; Sully Sports A 33 (= points deducted).*

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

BARRY RFC NEWS

FOLLOWING last weekend's Six Nations disappointment (if you are a Welsh fan!), Barry return to league action this Saturday with a fixture away against Clwb Rygbi Caerdydd, kick off 2.30pm.

Last week's lottery numbers were 07, 10, 14 and 19, which once again failed to find a winner; this week's prize money will be £3,880.

AJ

It's no joke... Barry Athletic's season starts on April 1

BARRY Athletic Cricket Club start their 127th season on April 1 with a home game against local side Llantwit Cavaliers.

They also have a whole host of games at home throughout April, playing teams of the standing of Penarth (April 16), Pentrych (April 22), Ynysygerwen (April 23), finishing of the pre season friendlies with Blackwood on Saturday, April 29

The league season starts on May 6 with an away trip to The Welsh Asians, followed the following day with a home Welsh Cup clash against Newport, then on May 13, the first home league game against Lisvaine.

Barry Athletic are also looking for new players to come an join this historic clu. If anyone is interested please contact club secretary Mark Rees on 07398108608 or e m a i l markrees509@hotmail.com.

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TOWN'S TITLE HOPES DENTED AFTER DEFEAT

BARRY Town United's title aspirations took a sizeable hit at the weekend, as the Welsh League Division One leaders succumbed to a 2-1 loss to championship rivals Goytre.

The defeat was the Town's first at home all season in the league and effectively threw the race for honours wide open, with a mere three points now separating the top four sides.

Billed as a top-of-the-table encounter, second-placed Goytre had actually been displaced on Friday evening by a resurgent Haverfordwest County, who chalked up a valuable 2-1 at Afan Lido.

Nevertheless, by the end of play on Saturday, the men from Plough Road had reclaimed their position and are now breathing down the necks of a Barry squad who head the table by a single point.

Barry started their 19th match of the campaign on the front foot, taking the lead after only two minutes through a Callum Sainty header, Sainty claiming his first goal of the season and his third for the Town in total.

The Nathaniel MG Cup finalists then almost added a second goal within moments, when forward Drew Fahiya's chip sailed narrowly over the crossbar, suggesting a festival of goals might well be in store.

However, despite enjoying considerable territory and possession, Barry were unable to turn their dominance into further names on the scoresheet and were left to pay the price against the league's leading strikeforce.

While the Town had entered the game boasting the tightest defence in the division, the Jenner Park outfit have been prone to conceding the odd penalty and in spite howls of protest from the crowd of 211, Goytre soon found themselves back on equal terms, with Sam O' Sullivan converting from the spot.

Then, another set piece allowed Gary Coulbourne to put the visitors in the driver's seat, handing the Town an uphill battle heading into second half, though the scores might have been level had Curtis Watkins been awarded a spot kick at the other end or teammate Drew Fahiya capitalised on Chris Hugh's promising ball.

The second period maintained the theme established in the first, with striker TJ Nagi both firing over the crossbar and hitting the side netting.

With teammate James Dixon two games from a return, Barry's failure to break down the visiting defence will have frustrated the home crowd, though few could find fault with their endeavour or the calibre of chances created, against a Goytre side that worked hard to hold on to their lead.

With Town goalkeeper Mike Lewis effectively snuffing out any attempts to hit his team on the break, Goytre would see the match out, becoming the first team to achieve a double over Barry in three seasons.

This Saturday afternoon, Barry will attempt to get their push for silverware back on course, when they travel to Port Talbot Town in a 2pm kick-off.

The match will be the first meeting of the sides at Victoria Road since an entertaining 2-2 draw in 2003-04, a match held when both occupied a place in the Welsh Premier League.

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After the England match heroics, an old problem rears its head, as flying Scots show Wales just what to do when opportunity knocks...

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ABOVE: The one bright highlight as Liam Williams rounds off a fine Welsh move in the corner, but it was all downhill from there as Scotland took control. Centre, boxed-in George North was given little chance to shine. Far right, the mercurial Duncan Hogg, arm aloft in triumph.

BACK PAGE COMMENT

by Don John

IN the aftermath of Saturday's shock 13-29 defeat at Murrayfield, with hindsight it was perhaps too much to expect that a Wales team still struggling to settle on a 'new way after Warrenball', could again raise their game to the level and intensity of that heroic display against title favourites England in Cardiff.

However, who could have foreseen the near-complete collapse in a truly abysmal second half that saw the lively Scots rattle up 20 points without reply – and break a cycle of nine successive defeats to Wales since 2008?

That was the Grand Slam year when newly-appointed Wales coach Warren Gatland took charge of the squad, and the following year he recorded the first of four wins in the Scottish capital, ironically by a 13-26 margin.

The Kiwi was there again on Saturday - this time as a spectator in the capacity crowd, to run the rule over likely Six Nations candidates in his role as head coach for the Lions' summer tour to New Zealand, and the TV cameras showed him looking pensive as red shirts imploded in front of him.

And well he might, for on that performance alone, few of his regular charges had staked a convincing claim to a seat on the plane, while the worrying collapse added fuel to fears that Welsh play overall is on a backward slide from the trophy-filled days of the early Gatland era, and is revealing its old Achilles' heel – wildly inconsistent peaks and troughs – while his attention is turned to Lions' duties.

How else to explain the stark contrast between the magnificent, gutsy display that almost overcame mighty England, and the floundering, error-ridden capitulation in the face of a lesser Scottish challenge just two weeks later?

What had changed to explain this startling inconsistency? Certainly not the team – for caretaker head coach, Robert Howley, had responded to widespread criticism of actions taken from the Welsh bench during the loss to the English, by naming his original starting line-up (with George North returning) for a make or break pivotal game in the battle for the championship.

He was, perhaps, still smarting from the critical fallout over the second-half changes that saw many people's choice for man-of-the-match, Ross Moriarty, among other key players, taken off, which crucially hit team momentum, and along with a defensive lapse in the dying minutes, arguably cost Wales a famous victory.

Howley insisted that player monitoring during the game had shown the rampaging No 8 was "beginning to tire" following a six-day turnaround since the Italy match in Rome, and they had brought on Taulupe Faletau, recently returned from injury, and with limited game time.

"The England head coach Eddie Jones had emptied his bench to a certain extent, and we needed fresh legs on. The six-day turnaround has an influence on players and we felt we were making the right decisions…

"It shows our strength in depth," he maintained. Moriarty had deserved to start in a retained Welsh back row to face the Scots: "It puts pressure on Toby, a good pressure…To have a strong bench as we have, is key. We were disappointed with our bench against England and we are looking for better impact this weekend."

In the end, debates over the relative merits of individuals were rendered academic in the post-match gloom of the team's collective failure to match more enterprising, livewire opponents, who though seemingly out-powered, had made the most of their opportunities – while the error-prone men in red were spurning theirs with profligate dropped passes, lost possession, and turnovers all adding to growing Welsh frustration.

The Scots gratefully took advantage, with man-of-the-match, Finn Russell, comfortably pulling the strings at outside half and punishing indiscretions with the boot, including three first half penalties.

In fact, Wales were still well in the hunt at half time, changing over with a 13-9 lead, thanks to a well-worked corner try by wing Liam Williams, converted by Leigh Halfpenny, who also landed two penalties, though crucially missing a third.

They were not to score again as everything fell apart in a dismal second half that clearly belonged to Scotland (though two Welsh touchdowns were ruled out).

In the end, two brilliantly executed crossfield tries by Tommy Seymour and Tim Visser, both converted by Russell, set the seal on a comprehensive Scottish victory. The fly half added a penalty minutes from time that deservedly keeps them in the hunt for a prized Triple Crown.

For the Welsh camp, it is now "all about pride" as they prepare to host Ireland in the penultimate match on March 10: "Our championship is over. It was disappointing and frustrating... the performance was just not good enough", said a grim-faced Howley.

He and his under-fire fellow coaches know that a repeat of Saturday's second half display at the Principality Stadium could well prove to be the straw that broke the camel's back.

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